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On 10th Day, He Seeks \$100,000

Perry Fasts to Raise Funds to Fight Initiative

LOS ANGELES — Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, was in the 10th day of a water fast last Thursday on the steps of the Federal Building in Los Angeles. Perry, who is also sleeping on the steps of the building, has promised to continue his fast until \$100,000 is raised to oppose a state-wide initiative that would require California school boards to fire openly gay teachers. So far only \$7,500 has been raised.

"I feel fine, a little weak, but I feel fine," Perry told the press last Wednesday. Dick Mickley of MCC/Los Angeles told GCN that Perry was in "good spirits," that there were "usually 20 to 30 people with him at one time," and that press coverage and the momentum around the event had been "building."

Mickley reported that Perry had written a letter at the beginning of his fast to Carter aide Midge Costanza, asking that the President establish a



Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Metropolitan Community Church

presidential commission to investigate the subject of physical and sexual abuse of children. According to Mickley, Costanza called Perry as soon as she received the letter but they were unable to make contact.

Perry's last fast, in 1970, lasted for ten days and he has already passed that mark. At that time, he promised to fast until city officials came to talk to him about gay rights.

The purpose of Perry's fast this time around is to raise sufficient money to wage a counter-offensive to block the Briggs initiative from making it to next June's ballot. The initiative, sponsored by California State Senator John Briggs, needs to get 312,404 signatures by a November 15 deadline, in order to qualify for the ballot. Briggs has said that he expects to spend about \$200,000 on his petition drive and that he hopes to get double the number of signatures necessary to place the initiative on the ballot.

The Briggs initiative would require school boards to dismiss homosexuals who commit public homosexual acts and also for "for advocating, soliciting, imposing, encouraging, or promoting homosexual acts in such a way that school children or employees

would learn of it."

Two years ago, after California Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill into law repealing California legal prohibitions against certain sexual acts by consenting adults in private, California fundamentalist leaders instituted a similar petition drive to reinstate the sodomy penalties. At that time, the petition drive failed to gain the necessary number of signatures to put the proposal on the ballot. However, because of the volatility of the issue of gay teachers and because of the publicity given the issue by singer Anita Bryant, California activists are fearful that the Briggs initiative may fare much better, and that a Dade County-like situation could develop in the nation's most populous state.

People interested in contributing to the MCC fund to fight the Briggs initiative are urged to send checks to the California Fund for Human dignity, Post Office Box 5570, Los Angeles, California, 90055.

Mass. High Court Hears Harassment Test Case Arguments

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court heard oral arguments last Monday, Sept. 12, in the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts' (CLUM) "test case" to force the Boston Police Department to halt its harassment of gay men. The case grows out of the arrest and conviction of John Doe, arrested by an undercover vice squad detective at Boston's Jolar Cinema on Nov. 25, 1975. Doe was later convicted by a Boston Municipal Court judge of "soliciting to commit an unnatural act" under Chapter 11, ordinance 14, section 311, of the Massachusetts Criminal Code. The case was then appealed to Boston Superior Court, where a jury trial found the defendant guilty as charged. At that time, the judge in the case, Justice Joseph DiGuglielmo, not only fined the defendant \$25 but also

ordered him to pay court costs of \$500. At the time, Rep. Barney Frank reacted to the court costs by accusing D Guglielmo of "punishing people to scare them away from using the judicial system."

If the Supreme Judicial Court rules in favor of the defendant, its decision could put an end to the use of entrapment tactics against gay men by police departments in the state as well as expanding the concept of privacy.

At the hearing before the Supreme Judicial Court — with justices Abrams and Liarcos absent — Evan Lawson, attorney for the defendant, strongly questioned the propriety of undercover police entrapment tactics as evidenced in the Doe case. Using the Balthazar decision — which states that "unnatural acts," when committed by consenting adults in private, are in fact

legal in Massachusetts — as a basis, Lawson attempted to prove that the Jolar Cinema was analogous to a private place. If the act that was solicited was to be done in private by consenting adults, there would be no crime involved, under Balthazar.

Attorney Lawson also questioned the conduct of Judge DiGuglielmo during the trial.

"I see this case as a testing of this kind of police conduct," Lawson said.

Michael Traft, assistant Suffolk County district attorney, argued the case for the prosecution.

Lawson told GCN that the arguments went "reasonably well" and that he seemed cautiously optimistic about the eventual outcome of the case. A decision by the Supreme Judicial Court could take as long as several months to a year.

Ku Klux Klan Calls for Execution of Homosexuals

HOUSTON — A tape-recorded telephone message from a Ku Klux Klan bookstore in Pasadena, California, urges the execution of all homosexuals. The message, which is available by calling (703) 472-4451 in Pasadena, is also available at a KKK bookstore in the Houston area, according to *The Star*, the Houston gay newspaper. It is not known whether the call for the execution of gay people is official KKK policy. However, KKK members have offered their services to protect anti-gay singer Anita Bryant at public appearances and recently did so at a Huntington, West Virginia, rally.

The phone message states that "The Ku Klux Klan is not embarrassed to admit that we endorse and seek the execution of all homosexuals."

"While many church people are duped by their brain-washed pink-panty preachers into believing that we should merely pray for the homosexuals, we find that we must endorse and support the law of God, which calls for the death penalty for homosexuals."

"In recent years we have witnessed our churches court death so closely

that it appears that they actually glory in the destruction that surely awaits them.

"Not only have we seen the establishment of homosexual churches in our once-unblemished land, but at least two major denominations have actually ordained homosexuals into the ministry. The first was the 1.8 million member United Church of Christ which ordained a male preaching queer five years ago, and the other is the Episcopalian church, which recently

ordained a female homosexual, or lesbian, as a priest . . ."

"The Ku Klux Klan does not have to rely on the feelings or thoughts of man, nor do we need to experience a dialogue with some Jewish psychiatrist or rabbi who is mentally warped anyway. We rely upon the age-proven and reliable law of God."

"The law on homosexuality states: 'That if a man also lie with mankind as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination, and

shall be put to death' (Leviticus 20:13).

"It is not our intention to put this matter up to discussion or debate the matter, or start a dialogue with a committee of queers as to their rights of sexual freedom. The law of God states the death penalty for homosexuals, and when God's laws are again enforced, the death penalty is what it will be."

Vermont Lesbian Mother Wins Daughter's Custody

ESSEX JUNCTION, VERMONT — The case of a lesbian mother and her child here, part of a collective of eight lesbians and three children, has been settled out of court, with the mother keeping custody. The mother had taken her case to both the New England Gay Conference and Boston's Gay Pride Week's legal workshop in an attempt to gain support for the case.

The mother, divorced and separated for five years, had had custody for

those five years when the ex-husband filed for custody last November. The mother asserts that the father was threatened by her collective life-style and up-front lesbian stance as well as the fact that the daughter was beginning to assert herself in confrontations with him.

Both sides had prepared to go to court and a lawyer was appointed by the court to represent the child. A psychiatrist, hired by the court lawyer, turned

in a favorable report supporting the mother and this was considered to be the turning point in the case. After this point, there was considerable bickering over visitation rights, but final papers were signed in late August.

The Lesbian Defense Fund, organized to support the mother, has been raising funds and has raised the money needed to pay off the thousands of dollars of bills from the case.



Photo by John Saelioti

Boston's Jolar Cinema, scene of the undercover arrest that triggered the Harassment "Test Case"

news notes

ANTI-GAYS ON OFFENSIVE

PORLAND, OR — Claiming that the mayor has caused the city to become "a haven for homosexuals, thereby perjuring Portland's business goodwill and position of influence," an anti-gay group is attempting to recall Portland Mayor Neil Goldschmidt. The group is presently trying to gather the 25,110 valid signatures necessary to call a special election. Signatures must be collected by mid-October.

This June, Mayor Goldschmidt issued an official proclamation declaring June 25 as Gay Pride Day. He has been a strong supporter of gay rights for several years.

TURNING OFF ANITA

YOUNGSTOWN, OH — Radio station WGFT in Youngstown has announced plans to delete all Florida Citrus Commission commercials from its ABC Network News and sports programming, the Milwaukee-based GPU News reports. The station also plans to refuse to accept any advertising from the Citrus Commission. A second ABC affiliate, WILI in Willimantic, Connecticut, has reportedly joined WGTF in such a policy.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

ZION, IL — The advisory council of the Danforth Foundation, the highly-respected educational group that provides coveted fellowships to graduate students, is expected soon to approve two gay-related recommendations. The recommendations were overwhelmingly approved by this year's 100 newly-selected graduate fellows, meeting Sept. 5-9 outside of Chicago.

Ten of the Danforth fellows attended a gay caucus, formed for the first time, and the gay caucus joined a "Left Caucus" of 44 people, including feminists, blacks, Chicanos, and white Socialists. Among the Left Caucus recommendations were that the Foundation should add "sexual or affectional preference" to the list of characteristics against which it would not discriminate. This list is published on all Danforth literature. The Caucus also urged that the Foundation issue a statement indicating support for the rights of gay teachers and declaring that sexual preference should be considered "irrelevant" in determining a teacher's professional capabilities.

The two recommendations were very warmly received at the last meeting of the fellows, when the Left Caucus presented its reports.

Although no official action will be taken for more than a month, one person on the Danforth Advisory Council said that she was convinced that the Foundation would take the recommended steps.

A STAR IS BORN

NEW YORK — Despite Bella Abzug's poor showing in the New York mayoralty race, the former US Representative may soon find herself in a new career — acting. Producer-director Otto Preminger asserts that he was serious when he offered Abzug a part in his upcoming film, *The Homeland*, to be filmed in Israel. Preminger plans to have a role for Abzug written into the film. It is not known at this point whether Abzug will accept the offer.

GAY LIBERATION/BOMBAY

BOMBAY, INDIA — A Gay Liberation Front, the first ever formed in India, has been established in Bombay. Homosexuality is illegal in India, and the legal advisor to the High Commissioner of India told London's Gay News that homosexuality is regarded in that country as a "very serious offense" sometimes punishable by life imprisonment. Less "serious" offenses may result in prison sentences and heavy fines, he said.

Indian gays are prosecuted under a law which prohibits "voluntary carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any man, woman, or animal." Bombay's gay group is demanding protection against what they say are police assaults against gay people and other kinds of harassment.

CHILEANS WARNED

SANTIAGO, CHILE — The government-controlled newspaper *El Mercurio* has warned Chileans travelling in New York that they will find "old buildings, lesbian and homosexual cabarets, drug addicts on corners, next to decrepit old people" on that city's West Side. The newspaper also observed that 42nd Street was a place "exhibiting the sadness of human corruption" where "homosexuals, dressed like chorus girls, clowns, cowboys and sailors" are found.

The Chilean military dictatorship, which ousted the democratically-elected government of Salvador Allende four years ago, has been accused of anti-gay atrocities but these reports have never been substantiated.



ENGLISH LESBIANS SEPARATE

LONDON, ENGLAND — English lesbians have decided that they can no longer work within the Campaign for Homosexual Equality (CHE) and have left the organization to form a separate group — the National Organization for Gay Women. The announcement was made at CHE's annual conference held in Nottingham. "You are not losing us. We will be autonomous, but we will be alongside," said one prominent woman at the conference. "So, as we go, wish us good luck, good will, and goodbye in good heart." London's Gay News reported that a number of gay men in the audience wept openly after the closing remarks.

The new women's organization can be contacted by writing Nikki Henriques, 72 Highbury Park, London N 5.

FUNDING HALTED

TUCSON, AZ — The Chief Justice of the University of Arizona Supreme Court has issued a preliminary restraining order blocking the funding of \$730 to the Gay Students Organization here. The restraining order came from Justice John W. Bickerstaff in response to a challenge of Senate-approved funding, the Arizona Gay News reports. The challenge came from the Associated Christian Students and six other campus Christian organizations.

On Aug. 29, the school Senate agreed to fund the gay group which was to create a peer-counseling program for gay students. After objections to the funding were heard from the president of Associated Christian Students, the Senate voted 7-2, with one abstention, to allocate the full \$730.

After the decision the Christian group complained to the Supreme Court that the Senate was acting outside its scope of power and that the decision did not represent the interests of the student body.

Bickerstaff issued the injunction on the grounds that there "is a substantial likelihood that the plaintiffs (the campus Christian organizations) would suffer irreparable harm should an injunction not... be issued, as the funds would already have been expended."

PAROLE FOR LITTLE JOHN?

BROOKLYN, NY — A Brooklyn federal judge has reduced the length of the prison sentence for John Wojtowicz, making him immediately eligible for parole, reports *Gays Week*. Wojtowicz's 1972 robbery of a Brooklyn bank was the basis of the Al Pacino film *Dog Day Afternoon*. Wojtowicz, who had robbed the bank and held nine hostages in order to get money for his lover's transsexual operation, had his sentence reduced from 20 years in prison to 15. The Parole Board in California, where he has been serving time after being transferred from Lewisburg (PA), will rule on his possible immediate release later this month.

Wojtowicz, who had been a member of the Gay Activists Alliance under the name of Little John Basso, has said that, once freed, he wants to return to his wife and two children in Brooklyn.

KEEPING WBUR

BOSTON — A listener-support group, concerned about changes at Boston radio station WBUR-FM, has been formed in Boston. The group plans various kinds of pressure to attempt to resist efforts to undermine the station's tradition of providing an alternative perspective on news and public affairs. Boston University President John Silber has recently attempted to take a more direct role in running the station, which is owned by the university. Reports have been circulating that the station was attempting to remove or to drastically revamp the weekly show "Gay Way," but the station has taken no action as of yet.

People interested in joining the listener-support group are urged to contact Dave Tilton at 232-5230 any evening.

GAY MEN'S CENTRE CLOSES

BOSTON — The Gay Men's Centre has closed its quarters in Kenmore Square. The combination of the usual summer inertia, problems with the landlord and changes in personnel left no option but to close down the Centre, at least for the present. A few members of the Round Table (the governing board) will continue to meet on an informal basis and the post office box (P.O. Box 614, Boston, MA 02215) will be maintained for some time to receive communications from anyone interested in reactivating the Centre. There has been some discussion of opening a gay person's, or gay community centre and the remaining members of the Round Table would be interested in cooperating in such an undertaking.

Many people feel that there is a sense of a missed opportunity in the closing of the Gay Men's Centre. However, one of the facts with which one has to deal in the real world is that the Centre always depended on too few people to do too much. If the support of the gay community just isn't there, no gay organization can survive.

Perhaps with the fall season interest will return. If so, any communications may be sent to the P.O. box listed above.

The Round Table would like to thank those people, too many to name in short space, who did give so generously of time and/or money to keep the Centre alive as long as it lived. Some people very much hope to see the Center alive again.

SEXUALITY SURVEY

ORANGE, MA — A deadline of Nov. 1, 1977 has been set by Karla Jay and Allen Young for the return of questionnaires in their survey on lesbian and gay male sexuality.

Several hundred thousand of the surveys, including questions on sexuality, relationships and society, have been distributed throughout the United States and Canada, and thousands have already been returned.

"The responses have been wonderful, reflecting the rich variety of the gay male and lesbian experiences," according to Karla Jay and Allen Young, who are coordinating the survey to be published in 1978 by Summit Books.

A limited supply of questionnaires are still available. To obtain questionnaires, direct requests to Survey, Box 98, Orange, MA 01364. Specify quantity, and indicate whether for gay males or lesbians. Groups and individuals may request and distribute questionnaires.

In Search of a Gay Bar... Look For the (Police) Union Label

By David Brill

BOSTON — Kenneth Sjonnessen works hard for a living. He's an advertising representative for the *Gay Community News*. In nearly a year of working for GCN, he has never been able to get ads from a few of Boston's best-known gay bars — Twelve Carver, the Napoleon Club, and The Saints (an all-women's bar which will not allow GCN to print its address in the "Bar Guide").

Chester Broderick works just as hard as director of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association and managing editor of their monthly newspaper, *Pax Centurion*. Chet was recently re-elected to his post by an overwhelming vote of the membership, and his reputation as a diligent spokesperson for the interests of police officers is well-deserved.

But Chet can do something for his newspaper that Ken can't: get ads from a few gay bars.

Strange, isn't it, that a newspaper like *Pax Centurion*, whose 20,000 readers are comprised almost exclusively of police officers and their families (and which urges its readers, as GCN does, to "PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS"), is an advertising vehicle for gay bars?

Not only does *Pax Centurion* have a different market than GCN, but it's more expensive, too. A quarter-page ad in the former (like the one the Napoleon Club has taken out for the



GCN's Ken Sjonnessen

last two months) costs \$195, while GCN charges only \$70.

There are a few issues raised by this. The first and most obvious is a moral one: How can establishments catering to gay people contribute financially to a newspaper whose editorial cartoon last month suggested that police officers boycott orange juice if gay people's protests got Anita Bryant fired?

But the "Patronize Our Advertisers" part of it is the real kicker. Given the history of homophobia in police unions (such as Chief Edward Davis in Los Angeles, who vowed that no officers of his are gay, or the



Pax Centurion's Chester Broderick

Fraternal Order of Police resolution adopted last month opposing the hiring of homosexual police officers), *Pax Centurion* may be signaling a new trend. Maybe the BPPA will soon establish a "Gay Caucus."

Chet Broderick doesn't see it that way. Asked whether it wasn't a bit unusual for gay bars to advertise in a police newspaper, he said, "Yeah, I wonder why." But Chet added that the BPPA members themselves do not sell advertising for the paper. ("You don't think we would do that," he interjected.) That job, he explained, belongs to a private firm.

"We have some people soliciting for

us. Maybe they're members of the gay community," he said. He then referred this writer to one Bill Jordan, who, he said, was responsible for *Pax Centurion's* advertising sales.

(When GCN attempted to contact Jordan at the number Broderick provided, the telephone was answered by the very same woman who answers the BPPA number. So much for a private firm.)

Jordan, no apparent relation to Police Commissioner Joseph Jordan, said that the Napoleon Club would be more inclined to advertise with his paper than GCN because "*Pax Centurion* is a hard-core, upstanding, moralistic, and righteous paper. It's the only newspaper that tells the truth. We print things that no other paper does."

That last sentence can't be denied. In the last few months, *Pax Centurion* has identified the following groups as enemies: busing, blacks, gays, affirmative action, the *Boston Globe*, and the "liberal media," which it called the product of "a Jewish conspiracy." It is apparently a strong supporter of Anita Bryant and the death penalty. (Not for each other, however.)

Broderick suggested one reason why a gay bar might advertise with his paper is because of an Ann Landers column earlier this year in which a gay man praised the Boston Police for supporting him in a case in which he was

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Knoxville's 'Gay Street' Name Causes A Furor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A Knoxville, Tennessee, group has been formed to rename the city's main thoroughfare, presently called Gay Street, the *Montgomery Advertiser* reports. However, the group, RAGS (Rename Ailing Gay Street) has had notable lack of success in achieving the name change. Although its proposal to rename the street was submitted to city

authorities two months ago, nothing has been done and now RAGS has decided to change its strategy.

The organization is now calling upon the Knoxville gay community to give up the use of the word "gay" and adopt a new name which would not infringe upon what the group terms the "property of others." RAGS has therefore proposed a new name,

"Yag" to replace "gay." "Yag" is "gay" spelled backward. Since the word does not appear in the dictionary, RAGS supporters emphasize that the new word would have the semantic field all to itself. The group has proposed to enter into a joint public relations project with the gay community to help publicize the term "to start all over with your new name and correct

the world's image of you."

The *Advertiser* observes that "it is a problem — if indeed it be that — which is shared by our own Alabama town of Auburn, where one of the leading public streets is also named Gay Street. So far," notes the newspaper in an editorial sympathetic to the name-change, "the RAGS movement has not yet reached Auburn. Perhaps Auburn is a bit more secure in its sexual identity than Knoxville, and therefore feels no need to change the street's name."

In response to the *Advertiser* editorial, Benjamin Smith Gay, a 73-year-old Montgomery man, wrote a letter to the newspaper asserting that "Having lived more than 73 years, bearing my family name GAY, I am deeply wounded by the fact that a group of divergents now call themselves 'Gays.' I have always been proud of my name . . . So I am deeply hurt that a group of people whose practices were abominal [sic] in the time of Moses and Saul, and time has not made them any more admirable. . . . I have not been one to institute litigation, but when such groups defile one's name, it is justified."

However, a cousin of the letter-writer, who calls himself a liberal, wrote to GCN stating that "legal procedures [to protect the family name] would 'be expensive and probably ineffective, and the best method would be to be friendly.'" The writer goes on to note that "my guess is that the term 'gay people' applied to homosexuals will eventually fade out, for it is misleading and inappropriate. . . . By taking constructive measures to induce the news media to use an appropriate coined word in referring to homosexuals I believe you will be rendering a needed public service."

WBZ Radio 'Cans' Barney Frank as Talk Show Host

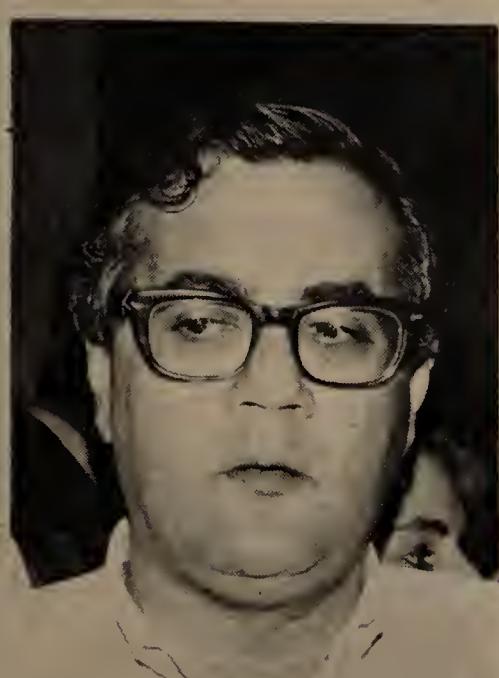
BOSTON — Rep. Barney Frank was notified last week that his regular Saturday night radio program — which is heard on WBZ-AM in 38 states nationwide — has been discontinued. Frank made the announcement on the program last Saturday.

Frank, who has been the host of the talk-show program since April, said he was surprised by the news. He explained to GCN that he first found out about the cancellation when he was reading the station's program guide for October, and noticed that his show was not scheduled. He then inquired of WBZ program manager Ira Apple.

"When I asked Apple, he told me that, yes, I had been fired," Frank said.

Apple emphatically denied that the station had "fired" Frank. "That is totally inaccurate," he said in a telephone interview with GCN. "Barney knew that his job here was not permanent." Apple explained that the conflicts between Frank's job as a state representative and a talkmaster were becoming too striking.

"As Barney has more and more of the limelight — and he can't help it



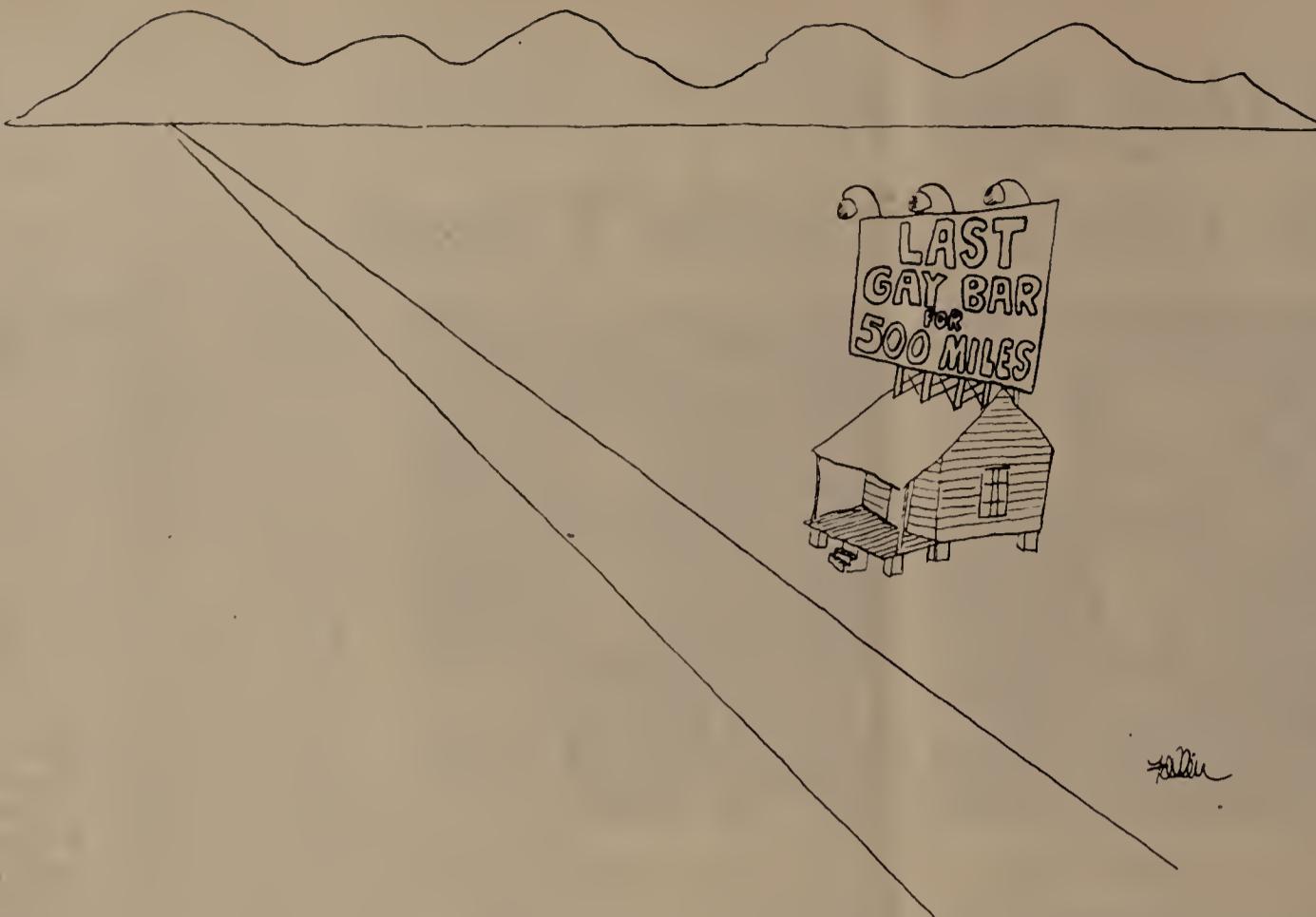
Rep. Barney Frank

because he just does so much — it makes it more and more difficult for him to avoid conflict. He did an outstanding job," Apple told GCN.

Frank said that he never expected to stay with the radio show after December, since 1978 is an election year and the show could have given him an unfair advantage over any potential opponents. It may also have necessitated "equal time" for opponents under FCC regulations.

A number of listeners to Frank's show complained about the liberal representative to Avi Nelson, another Boston talk-show host who rose to prominence following his 1972 congressional bid. Nelson, an ultra-conservative Republican, told the listeners — who are reportedly affiliated with the John Birch Society and some radical anti-busing groups in the city — to direct their complaints to the FCC.

Apple told GCN, however, that the station had not received any complaints from the FCC about Frank. "We received a lot of mail pro and con, just like everyone else," he said.



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community voice

bar politics

Dear GCN:

It has been noted that my letter regarding the admission policies of a New Haven gay bar which appeared in the Aug. 20, 1977, issue, i.e., the same issue in which GCN published "The New Victorianism" by Wayne Dynes, an excellent forum, one of the best ever to appear in GCN, has drawn a response from one Paul Shephard who misinterprets and misconstrues my meaning.

Mr. Shephard says that my argument that freedom of association cannot exist without freedom from association is like saying that there can be no "freedom of religion unless there is freedom to ban all religions but our own." That is misconstruing my statement. Freedom of religion cannot exist unless there is freedom from religion, i.e., unless one has the right not to believe as in the case of atheists.

Mr. Shephard would further argue that social clubs which is what gay bars are as public as a bus or train station where anyone is free to come or go. Clubs exist to cater to specific groups of people, like the Puerto Rican social clubs in the Spanish neighborhoods of N.Y.C., who always have their doors wide open. The public never goes in, however, only Puerto Ricans.

Of course the real point where we differ is that Mr. Shephard sees such admission policies as admitting only those for whom a club was established as discriminatory and that I do not see such policies as discriminatory at all.

If a group such as the YMCA is established for women, and they refuse to admit a woman, then and only then do we have discrimination, it would not hold in their refusal to admit a man.

Then last but not least Mr. Shephard has compared me to our lady of the oranges with the citrus mouth, one Anita Bryant. As a member of the committee to boycott Florida citrus products, who has put much energy into this project, I must vigorously protest.

What I am most aptly stated is a homosexual separatist and if Mr. Shephard or any other GCN

reader would like to raise their consciousness on this subject they have only to refer to GCN Vol. 3, No. 4, July 19, 1975, where my forum on homosexual separatism was printed; also there appears a reply there to "Speaking Out" by Joel M. Starkey in GCN Vol. 4, No. 7 (Aug. 14, 1976) which does not misquote me; I will be glad to send anyone interested a copy if they will mail me a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Having only recently returned from a trip to Western Europe I would like to point out that in some European countries gay bars as we know them simply do not exist, all clubs are mixed, and only a certain type of homosexual will go to these hetero-type clubs, the majority just simply cruise the streets having nowhere else to go; is this the fate Mr. Shephard wishes for us.

Sincerely,
Walter J. Phillips

futile acrimony

Dear Friends:

A lot of what I've been reading in GCN lately about the political relationship between lesbians and gays reminds me of the Gay Academic Union conference we organized in 1974 around the issue of separatism. Since the amount of dialogue between two camps was negligible, the conference seemed to exemplify the topic more than speak to it. For all I knew, it gave separation the push it needed at that time.

I think the point has come now where we should all realize that separatism is a fact, not a theory, and that the idea of unity (let alone parity) between lesbians and gays is a fiction. I'm not sure what any of us can do about it. I used to think I knew.

But now, just when gay rights seemed to have become the special province of a few revisionist civil libertarians, events in Dade County and elsewhere are pushing the old, familiar arguments to the forefront again. What is new is the level of the rhetoric (cf. Dworkin and Dynes). It's escalated to the point where it begins to resemble a tract on eugenics more than political analysis. Some of it seems to constitute a new brand of homophobia. Certainly a lot of it is

patently sexist. Since men in the aggregate, for instance, are violent and rapacious, nothing could be more degraded than male/male sex. For another instance, sucking and fucking in the bushes (in other words, what gays have been doing for years anyway) is being sold as the prime locus of revolutionary action.

I don't know why some of us still seem to be suffering from this almost paranoid desire to view ourselves and others solely as sexual beings. I think it began in the late Sixties when we decided to "embrace our oppression." Instead, we've been internalizing it, swallowing it in such huge chunks that I suppose we were bound to start vomiting it up all over each other.

O.K. So sexism is the common enemy and oppressor of lesbians and gays. We all know that by now however much we might misbehave or fail to fight it. But that oppression takes so many varied forms and both sexes are so thoroughly competent and perpetuating it that it's going to be around for a long time. The kind of acrimonious trade-off men and women are engaged in seems utterly futile to me.

I suppose I mean this to be a sort of declaration of independence. Frankly, after several years in the so-called gay movement, I don't see much difference between the public image of myself that *Mandate* or the *Advocate* pushes off on me and what I'm reading about myself in a lot of the "liberated" gay press, from both female and male theorists. Maybe I should just lump some of it under the category of "reparations." And lump the rest of it under the heading of self-hatred. In any event, I don't want it in my life anymore. I'm sure a lot of women and men feel the same.

Yours,
George Whitmore
New York

lesbian lawyers (and lovers)

Dear GCN:

If Robin E. Smith chooses to twirl idiotic invectives at lesbian lawyers — fine, but GCN shouldn't waste its paper. I am disappointed that GCN could allow anyone to irrationally and ignorantly stereotype an entire group of human beings. It is obvious that Ms. Smith is raging at some lesbian lawyer that has done her some

wrong. I think she should deal with that in a more constructive manner than slurring an entire group.

I admit that having read this crap after my first law school class has prompted me to write you. After a few years of deliberation I decided that a law degree would make me a better worker in the struggle for gay rights. When I saw the lesbian lawyer article headlined I jumped to it — looking for a sister community of support. I was not only severely disappointed but severely dismayed that your editorial awareness, which I had once greatly respected, had sunk so low.

Gay lawyers, be they men or women, can only be an asset to the gay movement and we need to encourage them because it is through the courts, not the voting booths (need I mention Dade County?) that we will gain our "inalienable rights." Finally, I need to hear from my gay brothers and sisters that they will work with me. Otherwise, all that hard work will be for naught.

Yours,
Marianne Auriemma

(Ed.'s Note: The article was intended to be an affectionately humorous piece, with the author's tongue definitely in her cheek. The lesbian lawyer "that has done her some wrong" is the author's current lover — see the article's last line.)

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pro-gay goodman

Dear GCN:

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New York, NY

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CORRECTION

In last week's GCN (Vol. 5, No. 11), Joyce Kaufman, author of the speech on abortion, was mistakenly identified as a lesbian mother. Joyce Kaufman is a lesbian but she is not, has never been, and has no immediate plans of being a mother. GCN apologizes to Joyce for this error.

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speaking out

At What Age Does Non-Homophobia Begin?

By Ray Spears

The idea that human sexuality is completely determined by the time a child reaches the age of five is in direct contradiction to my experience and your experience.

This fallacy, most recent parroted by none other than the learned Dr. Benjamin Spock, is most frequently presented as support for the idea that you might as well have gay teachers, because if some poor student is going to get it, she's already got it by the time she enters school, and she can't help it anyway.

Is the strongest argument in favor of homosexual experience that you can't help it? Is the best part of your gay love life that you can't help it? ("The kick of junk is that you have to have it." — Wm. S. Burroughs)

There is an inherent danger in building one's social structures upon foundations which are demonstrably false, or at variance with large segments of one's observed experience. "We can't help it" may gain a certain number of pity points with closeted liberals; it may in the short run qualify gay people for "suspect class" status at the US Supreme Court, or (as was seriously proposed) a standing equivalent to that of "handicapped" people at the Department of Labor. But if it is false, and if it is false that children's sex life is predestined by the time they saunter off to kindergarten, then these contradictions will cause great confusion later. You may yourself have reason to believe that these ideas are incomplete models of the situation of non-homophobia.

In someone's teleology, it may well be that I can't help being gay. I don't want to be anything else, of course, but maybe I can't help not wanting to, either. Given the accident/design of my birth, and the accident/design of all the parts of the world which impinge on me, perhaps I can't help not liking raw tomatoes, preferring the colors of green and russet, can't help thinking the smooth armpits of American Natives are something special in eroticism . . .

Listen: You know people whose sexuality changed after their age was five. You know of your childhood boyfriends who were suddenly infected with faggot fear and decided that now that they were grown up they had to suppress their gay selves in order to go out with girls ("One doesn't learn to like ripe olives by no longer eating ice cream" — Wardell Pomeroy, co-author of the Kinsey Reports, on the subject of adolescent bisexuality.) You may also remember (and this should be worthy of study if *Psychology Today* would get off its how-to-gently-but-effectively-make-sure-your-hip-natural-child-grows-up-straight approach to things and look around), that the onset of homophobia often coincides with a big spurt of macho, anti-social behavior. (I am personally witnessing these days the self-propelled demise of a perfectly good young friend of mine who has decided that it's time to stop being a faggot and time to start proving it by breaking into houses and ripping stuff off. Do you know him, GCN readers?) It is not cool enough, dear probation officers, to say that young thugs are worried about their masculinity and that's why they beat people up. You should worry that there is such a thing as masculinity.

I am sure you know Tony, and Rob, and Robin, who loved and were loved until one day, fourteen or fifteen years of accumulated sexism twisted their healthy, open, sexuality into homophobia. But you also must know Bob and Jack and Kathleen who, possibly when they were twenty or twenty-five, or thirty, or in their forties (as comedian Ivy Bottini said she was) decided that in fact heterosexuality as an exclusive practice was not fulfilling their whole potential. So they found a bar or crawled in with you in the middle of the night, not in the desperation of some long repressed urge in a French novel, but as part of their permanent commitment to growing.

You know these people yourself. Remember them the next time you hear someone who considers himself a liberal tell you that you deserve to be tolerated because you can't help it. Gay is good because it feels good, because it's right.

This is not the first time that people have been co-opted into arguing from psychologically-popular positions, rather than consulting their own heads. For one thing, it is such a god-awful drag arguing with psychologists who come traipsing into a conference with three case histories from which they have derived a set of tables to three significant digits which correlate marijuana with breast enlargement. Remember when gay people were rumored to be the result of broken homes, or dominant mothers, or dominant fathers? (I marvelled at how that one covered all the bases at once.) And you searched through your normal, or abnormal, past, trying to fit your parents' random attributes to the stated traits which should have caused your glorious condition? I did, for a while. And then there was the time your father read somewhere that homosexuality could be inherited — a curious contention, at first blush — and told you who all your reasonable cousins were, for once. Alex Hailey take note. (Actually, all kinds of abnormal development can be traced to confused familial roots, from "nigger-loving" to unitarianism.) There was an article twenty years ago in *One* magazine, written by Albert Ellis, describing how it could be shown that homosexuals were neurotic. The editors were gleeful. At least that was *all* we were.

But they must have known . . . that they didn't *feel* neurotic . . .

Further: examine yourself and your experience, and decide whether homosexuality is a thing which develops in a child at all. Couldn't a strong argument be made that homophobia is the entity worthy of study? Mightn't a model of human development be just as useful in describing human psychology, which addressed itself to the problem of explaining the onset of the whole peculiar schizophrenia which separates the sexual relations and feelings of civilized people from the rest of their relations and feelings? I hardly have any answers to propose . . . I don't even have an NIMH grant. But the speculations of the theorists from Reuben to Spock to Laing to Moses always seem to leave something to be desired in terms of the closeness of their fit to the "reality" which I observe.

It simply will not do to base our lives on polite compromising contentions. If you are proud of yourself you ought to insist on a stronger attack than, "I was only five; I couldn't help it."

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New York, New York

By Harold Pickett

NEW YORK — Monday, September 12, a small group of feminist and lesbian activists opposing sexist employment policies demonstrated in front of the Sheridan Square Restaurant, located at Seventh Ave. and Grove St. in the Village. The restaurant is situated between The Duchess, a popular lesbian bar, on one corner, and the offices of *Majority Report*, the feminist newspaper, around the other corner. To my knowledge, only one woman, as a cashier, has ever been employed by the restaurant, despite its unique location.

Mary Lou Tornes coordinated the ad hoc demonstration after the "run around" she received when trying to apply for a waitress position. She was told by a waiter they needed extra help and asked him why they didn't employ women. He asked "What woman would work a 12-hour shift?" She replied that she would work it, as would many of her unemployed friends. Subsequent phone calls to the restaurant manager ended with him hanging up on her. She then took the initiative to publicly challenge their "sexist policy."

The demonstration lasted from 1-4 p.m. Shortly after it began, someone identified as the 'manager' rushed out of the restaurant and ripped a sign from Tornes' hands. She phoned the police, who arrived quickly and upheld her right to picket. Around 3:30 p.m., a union official arrived to discuss the situation with Tornes and the manager.



State Sen. Carol Bellamy

The union official said he was in charge of hiring for the restaurant and assured Tornes that two waitresses would be working the next day. At that, she conferred with demonstrators and halted the action.

Tornes promised to watch the policies of the restaurant and is prepared to resume picketing if the women are not hired. Business during the picketing was estimated to be 60% below normal.

Sheridan Square Restaurant was the

one that reportedly kept its rest rooms locked during the assembly for last June's Gay Pride March.

Bella lost the Democratic Primary race for mayor. I'm disappointed. I voted for her. As far as I was concerned, she was opposed by only one other candidate: Ed Koch. Both Abzug and Koch have been strong supporters of gay rights as Congressional representatives and have supported the passage of a gay rights bill in New York City. They've attended numerous gay demonstrations and rallies. The Gay Independent Democrats endorsed Abzug for mayor in an ad that appeared in *The Village Voice*. The New York Political Action Group, a gay group, gave "preferred" ratings to both Abzug and Koch, as well as to Herman Badillo and Percy Sutton. They rated Cuomo only "acceptable." Now that Cuomo and Koch face a runoff election on Sept. 19, their rating of Koch a "preferred" is an official endorsement.

I was disappointed with Koch, always liberal, campaigning in the boroughs outside Manhattan in favor of restoring the death penalty. As mayor, he can do nothing to restore it, though, except possibly by personal influence in the legislature. I'm disappointed with his conservative propaganda, but I still believe he'll let the 'death' issue die after his 'official' election, should he win the Sept. 19 runoff. So, I'll vote for Koch. At least we know his proven support for gay rights. With Cuomo, there's very little chance, if any, that he'll even support gay rights with lip-service after the election.

Quite a few people were really surprised by Carol Bellamy's showing in

her race for City Council President. She faces a run-off with former president, Paul O'Dwyer. O'Dwyer has supported the gay rights bill in the past and will undoubtedly continue to do so. Bellamy, though, has worked actively on the local and state levels for gay rights. As State Senator, she co-sponsored bills to repeal the state sodomy law, worked for including gays in the state human rights law, and is a board member of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. Bellamy really works for us. She deserves our support.

Chuck Thompson is an openly gay candidate for City Council. He's running on the Republican ticket opposing Councilwoman Carol Greitzer, the Democratic candidate up for re-election. There was difficulty with Greitzer's support for gay rights in the early Seventies, but she's since supported and voted for a gay rights bill. Thompson is a member of the National Gay Task Force and will make gay rights a priority. Greitzer's and Thompson's district includes the West Village, part of the East Village, the Chelsea, Murray Hill and Gramercy Park areas. If Thompson is elected the Fall, it will only be as a result of gay support for a Republican candidate.

Gary Deane is the Liberal Party candidate in Brooklyn for City Council at Large. Dean, a gay activist, is co-deputy director of the Liberal Party. He's a dependable person for Brooklynites to remember in the Fall.

Congratulations to Kenneth Sherrill for his primary election as District Leader in the upper-West Side's District 69A. Sherrill gave me a couple of great quotes for next week's column. And yes, he is another gay activist.

conntact

By Dai Thompson

NEW HAVEN — MCC events: Wednesday, Sept. 21 — Christmas Crafts Workshop at 7 p.m., Hartford; Sunday, Sept. 25 — Buffet at 6 p.m., Hartford; Tuesday, Sept. 27 — Paul Bisaccia in Concert, a benefit for MCC at 8 p.m. at the Auerback Mansion, 1040 Prospect Ave., Hartford. Every Friday — Somewhere Coffeehouse at 8 p.m., Hartford; every Sunday — services at 7:30 p.m. in Hartford (11 Amity St.) and in New Haven at the First Methodist Church on the corner of College and Elm streets. MCC will hold a Weekend on "Life and Community in Your Dimensions," Oct. 7-9

at the Episcopal Conference Center, Ivoryton. For further information on the weekend and all other MCC activities, call 522-5575 or 232-5110.

Womenspace coffeehouse will hold a slide show of matriarchal images in ancient art on Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. at MCC Hartford, 11 Amity St.

Integrity meeting, Sept. 23 at 8 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Church, Hartford.

Yalebian news. Raps: Sept. 21 — "Gay Literature," a discussion of fiction, history, journals and poetry reflecting contemporary gay lifestyles and those of other periods; Sept. 28 — Massage Workshop, an evening of

relaxation and getting in touch with our bodies through soothing massage. Instruction will be given by a professional masseuse. A donation is requested. Regular meetings are held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Room B-018, Bingham Hall on Yale's Old Campus (enter through Phelps Gate on College St.).

Interested in attending the IWY Conference in Houston in November? Everyone is invited. The National Gay Task Force is trying to find people interested in sponsoring fund-raisers and in doing basic organizational work to try to get as many lesbian supporters as possible to Houston. Suggestions include chartering a bus, perhaps starting in Boston with various stops along the way. Anyone interested in going? in helping organize such a trip? in trying to raise money to enable as many people to go as possible? If so,

please contact me, c/o Yalesians, Box 2031 Yale Station, New Haven, Ct. 06520. Jean O'Leary of the NGTF is also interested in finding lesbian artists and performers to participate in the conference. If interested, please contact her at NGTF, Rm. 506, 80 Fifth Ave., New York City 10011.

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A 'Law and Order' Koch Makes N.Y. Run-Off

By Neil Miller

NEW YORK — Rep. Edward Koch, the leading sponsor of the national gay rights bill, moved a step forward in his bid to become New York's mayor with a first-place showing in last week's Democratic primary election. Koch polled 180,248 votes to qualify him for a run-off contest with New York Secretary of State Mario Cuomo, who ran a close second with 170,560 votes. The run-off will be held on Monday, Sept. 19. Mayor Abraham Beame, who has had a long record of insensitivity to gay concerns, finished third in the race. The Koch victory was attributed to most observers to a carefully-packaged "law and order" campaign as the Silks-

Stocking Representative moved rightward in an attempt to broaden his liberal Manhattan political base and court white, working-class voters in the outer boroughs.

Despite Koch's stand on gay rights, it was evident from the election returns that most gay New Yorkers cast their votes for former US Rep. Bella Abzug, one of the nation's most vocal exponents of gay and feminist concerns. Abzug, who had been expected to qualify for the two-person run-off, finished a disappointing fourth in the race. In the city's most densely gay area, Greenwich Village-Chelsea, Abzug won handily, polling 10,221 votes to Koch's 6,611 votes. However the respectable Koch showing in the area indicated that he did manage to siphon off a number of gay votes that had been expected to go to Abzug.

Koch was endorsed prior to the election by *Michael's Thing*, the weekly male-oriented publication, and, although David Goodstein's *Advocate* — widely read in New York's gay male community — endorsed Abzug and Percy Sutton as well as Koch, its pre-election issue appeared heavily weighted in favor of Koch. *Gaysweek*, the city's weekly gay newspaper, did not endorse a candidate, but one of its columnists, David Rothenberg, endorsed Koch in his column.

Most observers tended to doubt, however, that a united gay vote for Abzug would have boosted her into the run-off. Ginny Apuzzo, a member of the New York Political Action Group which listed four gay "preferred" candidates (Abzug, Koch, Sutton and Herman Badillo) but did not back any one candidate, told GCN that it was "impossible" to have supported only

Abzug with Koch in the race. Apuzzo noted that for many women, the Abzug defeat was "heartbreaking" and the National Gay Task Force's Jean O'Leary said, "I'm very disappointed [at the Abzug defeat]. She was a symbol for the entire country."

As the run-off neared, a group of gay political leaders — including Alan Roskoff, David Rothenberg, and O'Leary — met to form an *ad hoc* committee to urge gay support for Koch for Mayor and for Carol Bellamy for City Council President. Bellamy, a state senator who is a strong supporter of gay rights, confounded the experts by forcing veteran Paul O'Dwyer into a run-off. The NGTF's O'Leary praised Bellamy as "the most exciting, up-and-coming political event/person in our city" and Ginny Apuzzo pronounced herself "absolutely thrilled" with the Bellamy finish.

In addition to the Bellamy showing, gays were also heartened with the defeat of their most vocal opponent in the New York City Council — Queens Councillor Matthew Troy. Troy's unexpected defeat and the victory of newcomers like Jane Trichter have increased hope for passage of a gay rights bill in this year's council. Five Democratic incumbents were defeated in the balloting and the number of women on the council increased from five to at least seven.

Koch's rise to a first-place finish is largely ascribed to endorsements by the *New York Daily News* and *New York Post* as well as a campaign that focused on support of capital punishment and tough tactics against looters and



Former Rep. Bella Abzug . . . A Disappointing 4th Finish

criminals. Media consultant David Garth has been given the credit for transforming Koch's image from that of an East Side liberal to that of a tough-talking "law and order" candidate. Candidate Mario Cuomo, who is opposed to capital punishment, sees the primary run-off election as a kind of "referendum" on the issue. "I could win the election just by coming out for capital punishment. Especially for gays," Cuomo told the *Village Voice*'s Nat Hentoff recently. "And I could absolutely clinch it if I came out for capital punishment preceded by torture." Cuomo received only an "acceptable" rating from the New York Political Action Group.

Kyper Waiting to Enter Canada

BOSTON — As reported in the August 20th issue of GCN, Canada has enacted a new immigration law eliminating the ban against gays entering the country. But John Kyper, who was deported for life three years ago because he was "a member of the prohibited class of persons described in Paragraph 5(e) of the Immigration Act in that you admit that you are a homosexual," will have to wait a while longer before he can benefit from the new act. Kyper currently has to apply several weeks in advance for a permit from the Minister of Manpower and Immigration each time he wishes to enter the country.

Once the new act had been passed, Kyper wrote to the Immigration Minister, Bud Cullen, to clarify his status and to learn whether he will still need to make special arrangements to visit Canada. He recently received a reply from H.J. Johnson, Chief of the Non-Immigration Control and Special Cases Section, who stated that "the effective date that it becomes law and operative has not yet been announced. It is expected that the implementation will be likely sometime between January 1 and April 1, 1978, however, this is not definite."

The letter continued: "The particular clause under which your deportation was issued will no longer be part



John Kyper

of our new legislation and it is debatable at this point as to whether or not, when the act becomes effective, you will continue to require the Minister's consent to enter Canada. It is not felt that you will need such consent and at the time of the act becoming law, which will be advertised, and at your request, steps will be taken on your behalf to cancel the present requirement, which will remain during the transition period."

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State Asked to Probe New York Political Group

By Neil Miller

NEW YORK — Several gay individuals have asked the New York State Attorney General and the New York State Board of Elections to begin an official investigation of all undisclosed activities of the New York Political Action Group. The gay individuals charge that the Political Action Group is in willful violation of Article 16A of the New York State Campaign laws through failure to register and to file the necessary financial disclosure statements that accompany such registration. "They may be guilty of a Class E felony — a conspiracy to evade the election laws," Lee Soloman, a reporter for the *Advocate* and one of the people calling for an investigation, told *GCN*.

The New York Political Action Group, organized shortly before this

year's New York primary election, is composed of a number of prominent gay New Yorkers including Robert Livingston, New York City Commissioner of Human Rights; *Village Voice* columnist Arthur Bell; *Gaysweek* columnist David Rothenberg, Ginny Apuzzo of the Gay Rights National Lobby, and almost 40 other open and closeted gay people. The group interviewed 5 out of the 7 Democratic mayoralty candidates during the summer months and listed 4 'preferred' candidates, 1 'acceptable' candidate, and 2 'unacceptable' candidates on flyers which were distributed at New York bars and other gay meetingplaces before the election.

The group raised \$567 which was used to print the flyers and to pay the costs of renting a hotel room which the Political Group announced its political choices to the 'straight' media.



AT THE NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS: A group of gay people ask for an investigation of the New York Political Action Council. They are (l-r): Frank Richter of WBAI radio's "Gay Rap"; Robert Rygor of the Citizens Lobby for Human Rights; Lee Soloman, Contributing Writer for the *Advocate*; Andy Humm, Social Action Coordinator for Dignity/New York; Martin Walker, chairperson of the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee, and Mama Jean DaVente of All the Queens Women.

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Lee Soloman, leader of the people calling for the investigation, assailed the Political Group as "an elitist and secretive group making public statements." "They are professional, well-heeled people who are not representative of anyone. They have got to make known what they're doing, have got to make public their finances," said Soloman. "I don't want this to be a gay front for an illegal campaign organization that could be a laundering fund. The issue here is political money in secret. David Rothenberg's attitude when he was on Frank Richter's WBAI radio show, was 'Don't you trust us?' That's not good enough." Soloman conceded that he didn't like the politics of many members of the group but emphasized that this was "irrelevant." "Even if I like their politics, I'd be doing the same thing," he said.

Soloman emphasized that such registration with the Board of Elections was "simpler than filling out IRS form 1040."

Bob Livingston of the Gay Political Action Group admitted that although the group might be "technically delinquent," they had "nothing to be ashamed of." "We've consulted seven lawyers and nobody can tell us if we violated the law or not."

Livingston assailed the people demanding disclosure for "harassment." "It is simply sad," Livingston told *GCN*, "that there is a group of spoilers

who are attempting, politically and personally, from stopping people from doing productive things in this city. We have heard nothing from election officials and from law enforcement officials, only from other gay people."

"I think that in the last 6-8 months we have seen a tremendous outpouring of decent, respectable men and women who were not in the movement before," said Livingston. "The people who used to have sole possession of the movement in the past don't have it any more and they're trying to force these new people out. It's the tradition of the Left to be disruptive and that's what we're seeing. What we need are responsible gay people to monitor the loonies."

Livingston also accused *Advocate* reporter Soloman of "violating every journalistic convention" by his use of remarks which Livingston had made in a conversation with him as evidence presented to the state. According to Livingston, Soloman had claimed that he was interviewing him as a journalist during that conversation.

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Sociologists Denounce Anti-Gay Research Abuse

CHICAGO, Ill. — Noting that some people have been abusing social scientific research as a means of depriving others of their rights, the American Sociological Association today condemned all attempt to prevent homosexuals from gaining equal rights.

"Groups like Save Our Children, the so-called Anita Bryant campaign, have abused sociological data," said Laud Humphreys, nationally known expert on homosexuality and leader of the movement to put sociologists on record against the Bryant campaign. "Conclusions drawn by people misusing the study of society are being used to harm individual members of sexual minorities, and the sociological profession cannot tolerate such distortions," asserted the professor from California's Claremont Colleges.

In one resolution passed this week, the American Sociological Assn. went on record as strongly opposing efforts to undermine the civil rights of homosexuals through the distortion of sociological concepts and the falsifying of research. The resolution was carried by a voice vote.

Senate Backs Male Prostitution Bill

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Senate gave initial approval on Sept. 12 to legislation permitting men to be charged with the crime of prostitution. The bill, which is co-sponsored by Rep. Elaine Noble, has already been approved by the House and is expected to be signed into law by Gov. Dukakis later this year.

Under present Massachusetts law, only women may be charged with prostitution. Several months ago, the state Supreme Judicial Court heard a challenge to the statute, which has not been reviewed since 1830. The high court, however, has not yet issued its de-

cision. Some sociologists were particularly angry about what they see as falsifying of sociological findings by the anti-gay rights forces. "The data are clear. Homosexuals are not disproportionately found among those who molest children. Homosexuals do not 'recruit' persons into a life of homosexuality. The perpetuation of false stereotypes like these is harmful for all concerned," said Jessie Bernard, leading authority on family life and Research Scholar Emerita at Pennsylvania State University.

The A.S.A. also passed a resolution encouraging research, publication, and teaching in the sociology of homosexuality. This resolution was also carried by a voice vote at the business meeting of this annual convention with 3,500 members in attendance.

Anthony Silvestre, chairperson of the Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities, applauded these A.S.A. actions. "Governmental agencies dealing with homosexuals are presently handicapped by the lack of research. As government and industry have become more sensitive to the needs and

problems of sexual minorities and attempt to meet these needs, we find that we lack the information necessary for effective action," said Silvestre. "More research is urgently needed," he noted.

A related problem among sociologists has been discrimination within the discipline. "There are still colleges and universities where studies of this type are taboo. Academic freedom must include the right to examine these areas," said Professor Humphreys. The Association addressed this problem in a third resolution, again passed by a voice vote.

The sociologists will establish a task force to study problems of discrimination and to identify topics that urgently

demand research. "We have increasing evidence that some universities refuse dissertation proposals on the subject of sexuality and sexual minorities. We're looking into the extent of the problem and hope to find out why some researchers and teachers are denied academic freedom," Humphreys stated.

The A.S.A. task force will also review and evaluate existing knowledge in the area of homosexuality and distribute a comprehensive report to legislators and public officials.

The Society for the Study of Social Problems, meeting at Chicago's Drake Hotel earlier this week, passed similar resolutions by a unanimous vote of attending members.

Boston Police

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the victim of an extortion attempt.

There is no doubt that the police, for the most part, do a highly credible job in investigating and prosecuting cases like extortion and violent crime. For example, the BPD Homicide Unit knows a lot more about gay-related murders than most people think.

But one Boston gay bar manager, who understandably requested anonymity, says that the real reason the gay bars would cooperate with *Pax Centurion* is because their advertising "salesmen" do not try to "sell" ads at all. "They come in with a bill," he said. It's difficult to say no to a cop, I guess.

"Your paper is too open and out-of-the-closet," ad salesperson Jordan said to GCN. "If they put an ad in your paper, the bar might blow off Piedmont Street. There are a lot of respectable and high-economic [sic] people in these bars that don't want people to know."

Jordan suggested that GCN's ad people try "a bar right down the street

from here. Maybe they'll give you an ad." He said the bar's name was "Somewhere downstairs, Anywhere upstairs." That bar already advertises in gay newspapers.

It's an interesting situation. Maybe in exchange for the support of gay bars, the BPPA would consider making a goodwill donation to Gay Legislation, which is working very hard to pass a gay rights bill at the State House this year. (H.3676, which will be voted upon in the House in a couple of weeks, would protect police officers — and other civil service employees — from anti-gay discrimination.) Certainly, a politically-sophisticated organization like the BPPA knows that politics can and does make strange bedfellows — even gay ones.

But meanwhile, I think I'll just sit back and amuse myself and wonder how many readers of *Pax Centurion* really do "Patronize Our Advertisers." And it still bothers me to think of poor Ken Sjonnessen putting in sixty hours a week trying, without enormous success, to get gay businesses to support a gay newspaper.

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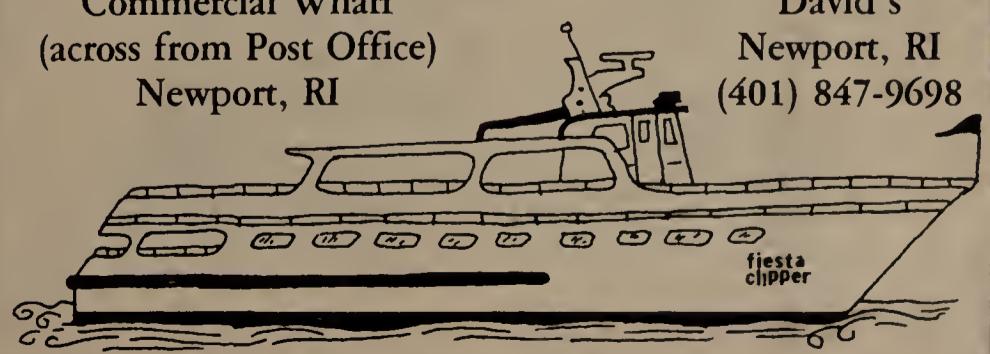
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John O'Bryant Interviewed

By David Brill

The first question is obvious: Why should gay people, most (but not all) of whom are non-parents, have any interest at all in who is elected to the local school committee? John O'Bryant is a candidate for Boston School Committee this year, as he was in 1975, and he has some very good answers.

"Gay people have an interest in good government," O'Bryant opined in a recent interview. "Schools are very important to the quality of life in any city, and all people benefit from its improvement."

But there are many other reasons to take an interest in the school committee race. Look at other cities: The San Francisco school board recently instituted gay lifestyles as part of the local curriculum. The Anchorage school board suspended a teacher whom they suspected of being a lesbian. And the Chelsea (MA) school board is trying to ban a book in which a 12-year-old Chicano boy describes his sexual encounters with both women and other men.

During the recent WBZ-TV "Impact" week, Marilyn McQuaid (who is a candidate for the Malden School Committee this year) said that it was her right, in a democracy, to see that her children are not taught by gay people.

O'Bryant disagrees: "It's not up to them [the parents] to decide who teaches. To say that it is one's right in a democracy to do so is completely contradictory."

When asked if he would be willing, if elected, to sponsor an anti-discrimination regulation to protect the 10,000 Boston School Department employees (including teachers) who are not included in Mayor White's 1976 executive order, O'Bryant replied, "Positively. No question."

He feels that the San Francisco effort at introducing gay lifestyles in the schools is a valuable effort. He blames anti-gay violence — which is as much a problem in San Francisco as in Boston — on the lack of intelligent and unbiased information provided the students.

Gay students are harassed in schools

often to the point of suicide. O'Bryant has fifteen years of experience in the Boston school system as a teacher and guidance counsellor. I asked him what he would do if a student who was being harassed in such a manner came to him for help.

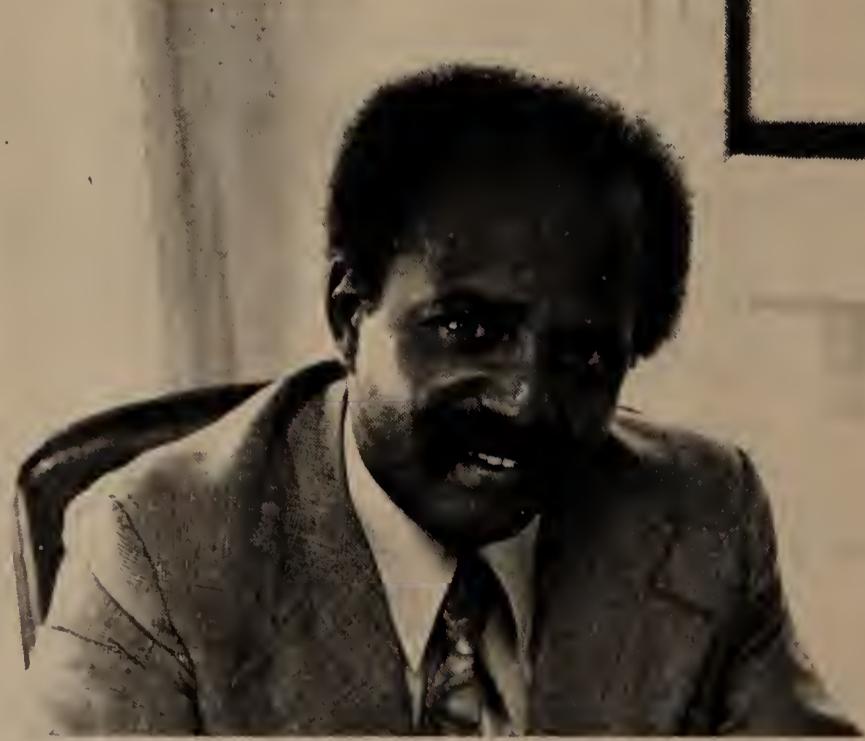
"First, I would ask how much he would want me to intervene. I would then contact the parents and bring the matter to the attention of the administration in the particular school." He said he would make it very clear to administrators that anyone who harasses gay students would be subject to suspension or expulsion.

He is very critical of the "guidance counsellors" in most schools, and suggests that most of the time they could be replaced with computer programmers to handle scheduling matters. Doubtless, most gay people would agree.

O'Bryant finished seventh place — two out of the running — in the 1975 school committee race. Because Paul Ellison had to resign when he began a two-year prison sentence for larceny, O'Bryant could have become the first black member of the school committee if Paul Tierney had resigned when he was elected Suffolk County Register of Deeds. But O'Bryant harbors no animosity toward Tierney because, "He did exactly as I thought he would."

For the first time in history, Boston's schools are now serving a school body that is 51% racial minorities. Yet because of the at-large election of school committee members, the committee remains all-white. (Until 1975, it was all-Irish as well, until Pixie Palladino — one of the most vocal anti-integrationists in the city — did a little ethnic integration of her own.) O'Bryant notes that he was a co-author of the Galvin bill (H.6423), which would change the method of electing school committee and city councillors from the present at-large system to a combined at-large and district-only membership.

He asks one favor of the gay community. "If any gay people have any real desire to change what is going on in this city, it is vital that they all vote on September 27. If you don't vote, you don't have any right to complain."



John O'Bryant, candidate for School Committee

A Gay Voter's Guide to City Council Candidates.

By David Brill

Being on the Boston City Council could be a difficult job. The capital city of Massachusetts (and, for practical purposes, New England) has enough problems and activities to keep its nine City Council members busy: a burgeoning budget, racial problems, police and fire departments that are 95% white, more elderly poor and students than it can handle, and suburbanites who use the city daily and give it nothing in return.

City councillors in Boston are elected at large, thus making his district 50% bigger than any congressional district in the nation. But far from making the individual councillors responsive to the city's residents' needs as a whole, such an at-large system encourages the councillors to answer to only the 51% of the residents who can re-elect them.

That leaves gay people [as well as Blacks, Hispanics, and Orientals] out. Allston, Brighton, the South End, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and the waterfront — areas with more than their fair share of gay residents — do not now have any representation on the City Council (or School Committee for that matter), and are not likely to in the future under the present electoral system.

The southern half of the city — the Southie/Roslindale/Hyde Park axis, which is already well-represented on the Council — would stand to lose some clout if H.6423, a bill designed to change the present electoral system, passes the Senate this month (it has already passed the House). This bill would increase the Council and School Committee to 13 members, four members at-large and nine by district. Its sponsor is Rep. William Galvin of Brighton, whose neighborhood has gone unrepresented in city government for a quarter-century.

If the method of election were different, the Council job — which pays \$20,000 annually — would be more difficult. The mayor would have less dictatorial control over everything in the city.

So what does a city councillor do?

A city councillor runs for other political offices. John Kerrigan has run for district attorney twice as well as school committee and clerk of court. James Michael Connolly has talked about running for mayor, state treasurer, and Congress. Dapper O'Neil has run for sheriff of Suffolk County. Fred Langone ran for U.S. Senate last year. Chris Ianella has run for lieutenant governor. Joe Tierney ran for Congress. Patrick McDonough has run for mayor. Louis Day Hicks has run for (are you ready?) state treasurer, school committee, mayor, register of deeds, and Congress. Even the Council's sole good-guy, Larry DiCara, has tried to jump to the post of secretary of state, and is now running for state treasurer.

If H.6423 passes the Senate and is enacted into law, it will appear as a binding referendum on the city's Nov. 8 ballot. The heaviest-voting areas of the city will quite likely be against it. And we may see in Boston, as gay people saw in Dade County, the tyranny of the majority.

Preliminary Election Day for City Council and School Committee candidates will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 27. A very low turnout is expected.

But low turnouts are usually the product of low awareness. In the interest of increasing awareness, GCN presents a brief run-down of the candidates for City Council and candidates for School Committee. (Incumbents are listed first.)

Incumbents

LARRY DICARA

is the only member of Council who has acted on behalf of gay people. He has arranged for meetings between gay people and the police department and assisted Gay Legislation in lobbying for gay rights legislation. He was former Police Commissioner Robert diGrazia's strongest backer, and is the only incumbent councillor who is not being endorsed by the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association. He is also leading the fight for the passage of the Galvin bill:



Larry DiCara, the sole "good guy" on the Council

ALBERT L. "DAPPER" O'NEIL

has the police and firefighters' unions on his side. He was responsible for bringing Dr. Kenneth Edelin to trial, and opposes the establishment of a city Commission on Human Rights. Earlier this year, GCN reported that Dapper opposed re-funding Project Lambda, the gay youth advocacy project, which had already been de-funded. Some people may remember him from the Democratic National Convention last year when he offered an anti-busing plank to the party platform, although others feel that he was in his glory a couple of years ago when he was the only city councillor to oppose the closing of the two Vara bars in Bay Village. A *Herald* headline once called him "The Last Harumph."

JOSEPH M. TIERNEY'S

most notable act as a councillor was to sponsor legislation banning "obscene" matters from the city. Unsurprisingly, he has opposed efforts to reform the method of electing city council and school committee members, as one would expect a Hyde Park voter to do.

PATRICK F.

McDONOUGH

is a nine-term veteran councillor who considers himself a "moderate." He is a former police officer, and has been endorsed by the police union, but has, to his credit, been willing to stand up to other councillors on important issues. "Some of their antics have been outrageous," he recently said.

JOHN J. KERRIGAN

is jealous of gay people. When the legislature's Commerce and Labor Committee held a hearing on a gay rights bill last year while the Education Committee refused to hold a hearing on Kerrigan's bill repealing the state's Racial Imbalance Law, Kerrigan was

overheard to say, "How come the fags can get a hearing while the people of Boston can't?" He once chided a black television reporter for being "one generation away from swinging on the trees" ("I'll bet you like bananas," he said). More recently, he took a dig at School Committee president Kathleen Sullivan for her upcoming marriage to former San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto, who is twice her age. ("She wants it soft," he said.)

CHRISTOPHER A. IANELLA

is one of the better members of the Council. A bitter foe of Mayor White, he has also led the fight against the institutional expansion of schools and hospitals that challenge the quality of neighborhoods like the Back Bay. When running for lieutenant governor in 1974, he stated that he was opposed to the "rigid enforcement of victimless crimes."

FRED LANGONE

supported Henry Jackson's presidential candidacy last year, and then ran against Ted Kennedy for U.S. Senator, which is reason enough for voting against anyone. A resident of the North End (that neighborhood's only city-wide officeholder), he has always opposed efforts to reform the council. He was endorsed for re-election last time around by Rep. Barney Frank.

LOUISE DAY HICKS

is the grand doyenne of the anti-busing movement, as well as the national president of ROAR ("Restore Our Alienated Rights"). But her popularity among city voters is diminishing rapidly, which is probably evidence that the anti-busing movement can't deliver the type of support that was once believed. She lost for Register of Deeds last year. "You know where I stand."

JAMES MICHAEL CONNOLLY

is one of the better-looking officeholders in the city, if that is any standard by which to decide whom to support (there are worse, and more common, methods). Although he has stridently backed the movement to change the structure of the City Council (and been supported by the Boston CPPAX chapter), Connolly has never uttered a word about gay people. He says he admires California Gov. Jerry Brown's "Less is Better" philosophy. Less what?

Challengers

RAYMOND L. FLYNN

is an incredibly hardworking state representative from South Boston. The problem is that he works too hard on too many crazy things, the latest of which is banning Medicaid funds from being used to pay for poor women's abortions. He also filed legislation with explicit language prohibiting the sale of "obscene" matters. But despite all this, he is said to be waffling on the issue of gay rights at the State House.

WILLIAM T. DONOVAN
is a West Roxbury resident who supports the Calvin reform legislation, vacancy decontrol on apartments, and limiting the mayor to two terms.

ROSEMARY SANSONE

is a North End activist who headed the Massachusetts Committee to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment last year. The year before, she managed Kathleen Sullivan's very successful school committee campaign. Although she did not respond to GCN's questionnaire, she is considered one of the brighter lights on the political scene, and one of the handful of challengers who is given a chance of being elected this year.

STEPHEN FARRELL

has the disadvantage of having lived in Boston only eight of his 33 years. He was project director for the city's Youth Activities Commission (which defunded Project Lambda last year), a founder of the Third Nail drug treatment center in Roxbury, and assistant manager of Little City Halls in Brighton, the North End, and Jamaica Plain. He is widely perceived as "the mayor's man."

ROBERT HIRD

looks a lot older than his 25 years. An accountant and South Boston resident, he supports the Galvin legislation.

ELIZABETH BUCKLEY

is a Dorchester real estate broker who earns, by her own admission, \$75,000 a year and is not interested in the Council spot for the money. She does not know why her house and other properties have been vandalized and shot at since she announced her candidacy. She also favors prohibiting abortions at city health facilities.

POLLY HALFKENNY

is a registered Communist who compared the Boston Police to the neutron bomb (property over people) and promises, if elected, to sponsor legislation banning discrimination against gay people. She also favors the election of city councillors totally by district.

ROBERT "Whitey" McGRAIL

is a South Boston bar owner who was district manager for the Wallace for President committee last year. He was also a founder of the South Boston Information Center and the South Boston Marshalls. McGrail says he is anti-abortion, anti-gay rights, and against the ERA, but states that he is running for Council because his neighborhood has been treated inequitably

by the city.

NORMA WALSH GRAMER

is a lifelong South End resident who has served on more neighborhood organizations and committees than any one in the South End. She favors city council reform, and her slogan is "Norma Walsh Gramer is not hesitant to get involved!"

BRUCE BOLLING

is a member of one of Boston's most politically prominent black families. The son and brother of state legislators, he is an employee of the Mayor's Office of Public Service, and would correctly be described as another one of "the mayor's boys." He says a high voter turnout this year is necessary to defeat the "politics of demagoguery."

JOHN CUDDY

is a 27-year-old Vietnam veteran from Hyde Park who attends the University of Massachusetts and also works as a job developer for the city organization serving Hispanic residents. He supports neighborhood representation but only if the powers of the council are increased.

JAMES J. TOBIN

is a Brighton father of 12 children who has refused to accept any campaign contributions from anybody, in order to be free from political debts. Such idealism is rare in government, for obvious reasons.

GEORGE GELLER

is the local co-chairperson of the U.S. Labor Party who is not running against any of the other candidates for city council. His opponents, he says, are the Carter administration, the banking

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Candidates' Response to GCN Questionnaire

GAY COMMUNITY NEWS 1977 CANDIDATES SURVEY

1) The Mayor has suggested restructuring of the Mayor's Office of Human Rights into a city Commission on Human Rights. Do you support such a change? Should such a Commission have a gay member (such as similar commissions in San Francisco and New York City)?

2) The San Francisco School Committee has approved the inclusion of positively-presented gay lifestyles in its health and sex education classes. What are your thoughts on having similar changes made in Boston?

3) What improvements could you suggest to improve the relationship between the gay community and the Boston Police Department, if any?

4) Would you support the extension of the Mayor's 1976 Executive Order prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual preference to include employees of the School Department, who are not now covered?

5) What is your position on proposals for charter reform in the city which would provide representation for neighborhoods that do not have any representation on the City Council or School Committee?

PETER COUING School Committee

1) n/a

2) I have never thought about this possibility before I read your survey, but I do not feel that I could agree with the introduction of gay lifestyles into the curriculum in Boston. However, I would like to review what is being done in San Francisco.

3) n/a

4) I believe discrimination against anyone because of sexual preference is illegal and morally wrong and I would support extension of the 1976 executive order.

5) I have favored District Elections and have spoken out in favor of a change for the last six years. Good change must take into consideration the possible conflicts in jurisdiction of District

School Committee members whose area conflicts with the "Community Districts" established under the Federal Court Order. We must move with caution because the City Council has not displayed a willingness to desegregate, and the current Charter Reform proposals leave the drawing of district lines to the "Council."

CHARLES F. REILLY School Committee

1) Yes.
2) I would have to see the course of study of the San Francisco school department before I could answer this question fairly.
3) I would suggest a citywide task force representative of all groups to meet periodically with a group from the police department to insure all people fair and equitable treatment.
4) Yes.
5) I am for district representation for both the City Council and School Committee.

POLLY J. HALFKENNY City Council

1) The Commission on Human Rights should only be established if it will have strong enforcement powers, and it should have a gay representative.
2) Gay lifestyles should be taught.
3) We need citizen monitors of the police.
4) Anti-discrimination policies should be extended to all areas and vigorously enforced.
5) I support election of City Council and School Committee members totally by district.

LAWRENCE S. DiCARA City Council

1) The restructuring of the Office of Human Rights into a City Commission on Human Rights will increase the budget and staff of the present human rights office. It will not, however, establish an independent and functioning commission intended to be a representative body. I believe that the expanded agency should deal with all forms of infringement of human liberties.
2) I do believe that there should be open and mature discussion of alternative lifestyles in the Boston Schools' health and sex education classes.

3) I have in the past and will continue to arrange meetings between the gay community and the Boston Police Department in hopes of providing a continual dialogue between the two.
4) The Mayor cannot legally impose restric-

tions on School Department employees. I do, however, support the principle that the School Department employees should not be discriminated against on any basis.

5) I believe that both the City Council and School Committee should have district representation. I favor a system where five councillors are elected at large and ten are elected by district. In lieu of any successful council action, I support that plan of a State bill on the November ballot, as is presently before the Senate.

ARNIE WATERS City Council

1) Such a commission should be established and it should have a gay member.
2) The gay lifestyles, in my opinion, should be presented in a non-stereotypical manner.
3) There should be direct relationships and communications between the Police Commissioner, his command staff, and appropriate members of the gay community. This communication, in my opinion, will go a long way toward ending the erratic harassment of the gay community by certain elements of the Boston Police Department. This kind of communication would decrease the incidence of such harassment which seems to occur around election time. Such a "political" climate victimizes both the police and the gay community.
4) Yes. Except any individuals convicted of misdemeanors or felonies which involve sexual misconduct. I do not believe that teachers or administrators should make any exhibition to their students of their sexual preferences, whether heterosexual or homosexual.
5) I believe that both the Boston City Council and the Boston School Committee should be elected wholly by district.

DIANE JACOBS (City Council)

and
HATTIE McCUTCHEON
(School Committee)
Joint Replies

1) Yes, we feel that gay people should be represented in every aspect of government. But this alone will not end discrimination against gays. Not unless there's public pressure by the gay community and supporters can gay rights be won.

2) Yes, we are also in favor of a positively presented lifestyle of gay people, not only in schools, but to re-educate the majority of the City of Boston about the needs and concerns of the gay community. Education through picket lines, rallies and teach-ins will aid in defending gay rights.

3) The major way that the relationship between the gay community and the police department could be improved is that, first, the police end all harassment of the gay community. Second, the legislature and city government should repeal all anti-gay legislation. Third, the gay community should build a public campaign around police harassment, and educate the public about harassment of the gay community.

4) Yes, we definitely support legislation to end discrimination against gays, and minorities, because we see how the struggle for gay rights is an integral part of struggle of women, Blacks and other minorities to gain full human rights. The gay community has an important role to play in supporting the rights of all oppressed people.

5) We wholeheartedly support neighborhood representation, especially by Blacks, gays and other minority groups who are not represented by the racist and reactionary School Committee and City Council. It is clear that such a body (i.e. the Democratic Party) does not represent the interests of working people, Blacks, or gays. What is clearly needed is independent political action, in order to win the rights of all people.

JOHN D. O'BRYANT School Committee

1) I would support the restructuring of the Mayor's Office of Human Rights into a City Commission on Human Rights with a gay member.

2) I feel that children should be educated about gay lifestyles, as well as others, during elementary grades. The syllabus should be designed in such a way as to have a positive impact on the pupils. It should only be presented by either gay teachers or people who are sensitive in a positive way so as not to distort the issue.

3) If the Boston Police Department is in fact an equal opportunity employer, there should be gay members on the force. This then would provide an on-going vehicle for communication between the Boston Police and the gay commu-

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Mitzel's Witty But Double-Edged Vengeance



Photo by Roland Land

Some Short Stories About Nasty People I Don't Like by Mitzel. A Manifest Destiny Book (Boston). 136pp. \$3.

By David Eberly

Mitzel prefaches his disquieting collection, *Some Short Stories About Nasty People I Don't Like*, with an apt quotation from Voltaire, "In truth, you ought to punish all those scoundrels with one of those half serious, half amusing books which you are able to write so well . . . To laugh while taking vengeance is a great pleasure." Satire is a difficult art. "It must so amuse the reader as to still a natural sympathy for the subject, and thus gain in the entertainment an acceptance of the author's jibes and taunts. Mitzel provokes such a response. His wit reveals the quick switch of his perception, and his laughter hides an often disturbing lesson.

What we hear in these stories is a complex and contradictory voice, difficult to place, whose range is wide — narrative, monologic, conversational — and whose subjects include Walter Jenkins' trick, the shoes of Mrs. Rockefeller, and Mary Todd Lincoln. Mitzel himself warns us:

Anyway, with all this crush and gleaning eyes waiting to connect and trigger who-

knows-what, it's come to a pass at which I don't even choose to look into the reflective surfaces if I'll chance upon "myself."

Occasionally this attitude can create problems for the reader. It is impossible to identify the subject in "A New Look at the Enemy," quoted above, because the writer's voice shifts and blurs the distinction in an accountable way, sacrificing cohesion for effect. But other monologues in this book do offer self-discovery for both author and writer as ideas are explored in a quirky association that illuminates the topics with surprising juxtapositions. The two weakest pieces in the book, "A Conspiracy of Ellens" and "At Home with the Kennedys," forgo this characteristic richness of tone in

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favor of an extended joke, too soon caught.

The most successful work in *Some Short Stories* are those pieces in which the author retains traditional narrative skills. Stories like "Display Window Diaspora," about the break-up of an affair, and "Bowling Alley Pam" develop from incidents plainly described in a prose style which carries its conflicting purposes with no strain. I admire them for their craft, for their shape, for their unerring and economic choice of detail displayed in their development.

"Lately," Mitzel writes, "I've only allowed myself to become interested in items which bear the potentiality for becoming metaphors strictly for the, our, 20th century." In fact, he writes from an awareness permeated by the knowledge of the homosexual as historical victim. Neither the writer nor his subjects finally escape the distortions that are the results of such injustice. In one of his funniest pieces, "Tales of the Sticky Fingers of Miss Tracy Brazzi" (a queen who claims co-authorship for the work she mimeographs), Mitzel talks about who will write, and so make real, our story. His conclusion is a depressing picture of our fate. "It has been entrusted to me," Tracy says, "to write the history of the era." At which point she turns her head to let a hideous grin part her wrinkled lips, unseen by her audience. We are not our own authors.

An offended moral vision motivates this work, and Mitzel, like all satirists, mocks from his disappointment. Many of these stories are told as perverse homilies in which we read the world's lesson:

—Well, like most accurate historians, I long ago learned the hard way that pushing the Truth as you see it won't make a buck.

—So I guess you could say I learned my lesson the hard way. I stay strictly respectable now.



In other words, any crisis will find me ready to Flow Downstream, as the best short range tactic in my guerrilla war with Reality is to "go with the Currents."

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It would be difficult to find a more jaundiced catechism. But none of us have eluded this ubiquitous cant, and Mitzel's own voice is muffled even as he raises it. These morals, so often repeated, signal defeat. Lacking the clear sight of a steadfast moral sense, free from the scars of society's homophobia, it is impossible for him to finally identify the enemy as visible within as without. And Mitzel is too honest an author not to question himself while he censures others. The vengeance he takes in *Some Short Stories* is double-edged.

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By Tommi Avicoli

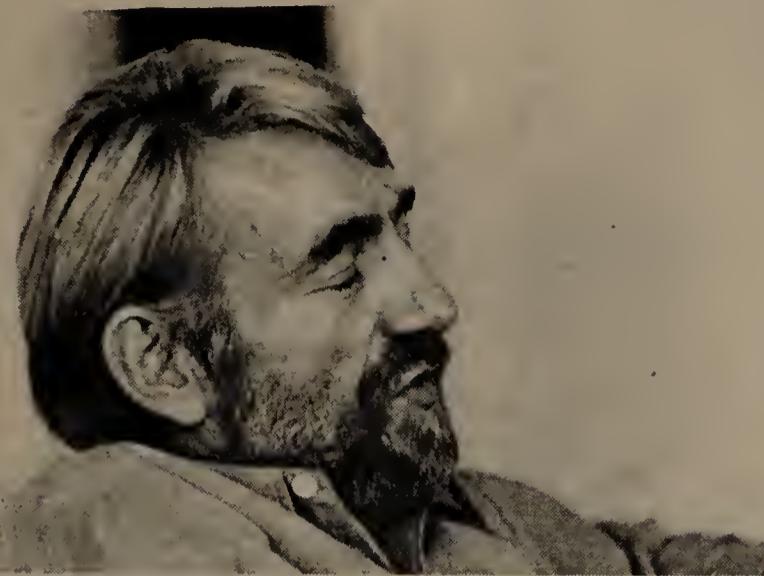
As we headed up to the floor where Rod McKuen was staying in Philadelphia's elegant Barclay Hotel, I began thinking of when I first heard of this poet/singer/songwriter. It must have been in the mid-sixties (I was in high school), and Rod McKuen was the heart-throb of a generation — the poet laureate of lovesick teenagers who identified with the sentimentality of such titles as "Listen To The Warm," and "Lonesome Cities."

Many years have passed since those days, and more recently Rod McKuen has been in the headlines challenging Anita Bryant to a debate on national television, and calling her "a kind of Ginny Orangeseed, spreading bigotry throughout the land."

Inside the suite on the twenty-first floor, we were greeted by an extremely friendly man in sneakers and dungarees. He was anxious to talk. Miami had done much to change this man, as it had done to change all of us who lived its nightmare. Almost immediately, and without giving me a chance to ask my first question, Rod McKuen began talking, a grave sense of urgency in his raspy voice: "There's a thing I wish you would do. The current *Time* [has] an article . . . and they talk about how militant gays are being, and how they were sort of . . . harassing somebody in New York. . . . I would love to see you reprint that and along side of it give an editorial of some kind saying that *Time* has never yet printed the fact that somebody was stabbed to death and the parents of the victim are suing for 5 million . . . suing Anita Bryant personally. We recommended to the parents that they sue for 10 million. . . . They shouldn't be allowed to get away with that. It's gotta stop."

T: Why did you go to Miami?

R: Well it was funny, I had a birthday concert the 29th of April in New York City, and the next night — I had been booked a year ahead — the next night I found myself in Dade County Auditorium . . . I made a few jokes about Anita Bryant, in fact in my birthday concert, I hired the world's foremost juggler to come and juggle oranges on a unicycle, and I taught the audience a song — "Don't Drink the Orange Juice" — so I taught them that in Dade County, too. Then after a while I said to myself, it's not a joking matter. So I finally told the orchestra to stop. I said, look I'm going to be giving a benefit. I called to a friend of mine — a friend of mine was there in the audience, he owns one of the biggest bars in Florida — the Warehouse Eight. I said, can we have the use of your hall for a fundraiser. He said, sure. I said, okay . . . I'm going to give a totally different program if you'll come. Tell you what I'll do — I've got a new album — for the price of \$5, we'll give you the album. . . . I began to think to myself that it was a little one-sided. There they had Anita Bryant who was from the entertainment industry. She was allowed to run around on orange juice money or whatever and make these irresponsible, ridiculous statements. I thought I'm not going to let this happen and so I just did it. I didn't do it because I'm gay, I don't believe in the words homosexual, heterosexual, bisexual. Even gay is kind of a rough word, and it's a bad term in that so many people are afraid of it. Since the President was the one who uttered 'Human rights are absolute,' let's throw it right back in his face. . . . I've spoken to his sister who said to me that she resents very much what Anita Bryant's doing in the Lord's name. But I don't consider myself gay because I think that there



are as many different sexual needs as there are intellectual and emotional [ones]. But I do think that you've got to have a term of some kind to show the people that there is a vast majority of people who are being treated — mistreated — as a minority in this country. And so whether you call it gay rights or whatever rights you want to call it, it should end up being human rights. All my life I've been associated with human rights. I marched in Birmingham, in the first women's liberation march. I was the first one to go to South Africa and performed before an integrated audience. . . . I'm going to Belfast this year — both sides of that controversy have as their marching hymn, an old song of mine called 'The Things Men Do.' I want to tell them to stop it — stop killing each other and using my song. I don't believe in one human being killing another human being for any reason.

T: How long did you stay in Dade County?

R: I was in Dade County twice — the first time I was only there six days, because I had some concerts I had to fulfill. After that I cancelled concerts and went down again. . . . They said to me, you must be homosexual yourself. I said, well, I'm attracted to men, women, I have a seventeen year old son. You tell me what I am. You put a label on it. You people are in the labeling business.

[Anita Bryant] uses statements like if God had wanted homosexuals, he would have created Adam and Bruce, and I said, if God wanted bigots, he would have created us like Anita Bryant. . . . Anyway, I think her Christ must be different than mine — my God and my Christ tells me to love thy brother as thyself and I believe that all men and women are my brothers and sisters unless they prove differently. I think prejudice is a very healthy thing, on a one-to-one basis. If you find somebody you can't get along with . . . hey don't hate him . . . just move away because life's too short and there are so many things to do.

T: How do you think a similar gay rights referendum would have fared in say New York City?

R: Six times it's been defeated [in the New York City Council] . . . it's been defeated by the Catholic Church. In the synagogues they preached right from the pulpit, saying don't vote for this, and I tell you if it comes up again, I'm gonna be right there. I've already asked the FBI to investigate the more than 100 churches that are giving to Anita Bryant's campaign, because we have a thing in this country called Separation of Church and State, and if they're gonna be in politics, then they oughta pay taxes on the property they own.

T: Didn't they just revise the tax exempt laws so organizations could get involved in politics? Of course I

imagine there is a limit to what they can do even under the new law.

R: I think that the limit would certainly stop short of murder. We know there have been . . . two fire bombings down there. We know that Anita Bryant, whether she likes it or not — and we don't know that she likes it — we know that in every place she goes, she receives protection from the Ku Klux Klan. It's been offered to her. We know that there've been crosses burned on the front porches of the gay leaders in Florida and other Southern states. We know that there was a murder in Los Angeles which can be traced directly to those people. . . . I think that I would hate to be Anita Bryant. I would hate to have those things on my conscience.

. . . The Book of Leviticus . . . should be printed and sold as a paperback, and sold for the cheapest price possible because it is the most ridiculous, stupidest book. The Bible is only a book, and books are open to interpretation. I do not believe our Bible is the absolute concrete word of God because men wrote the words down. And we know that men are not infallible.

T: Do you think Anita Bryant's backed off?

R: I know she has.

T: Or do you think maybe she's just getting ready for another attack?

R: Well, for instance, they threatened my life a lot — not Anita Bryant personally, because she will not talk to me. I asked for debate time on all three TV networks and they've given it to me. She refused to debate me. I'll debate her anywhere, even in a toilet where she belongs. But I won't debate any of the goons she sends to debate. . . . You ask why I went down there? I think that if I had not spoken out, I couldn't live with myself. If I'm so concerned about human rights on every other level — why not these human rights? They are human rights, that's all they are. They're nothing more than human rights. . . . Why is it if two women or two men get caught in the 69 position or whatever . . . they can be locked up. Why? I just want to know why. It would be different if it were strictly a case of sex being only an instrument for the creation of children, but none of us are naive enough to believe that people go to bed just for that. [In the Bible] it's a sin to do everything but jaywalk. . . . If you're going to live by the quote good book end quote, then do it all the way. Go all the way. Leave everybody alone and do it all the way. I'm not going to impose my lifestyle on anybody else, I'd never want to. . . . I tell people at rap sessions: don't think of me as a guru. If I've written a line that helps you get through the night easy, then terrific.

T: What do you think is going to happen to the ERA?

R: I think it's going to lose. It's a

pity. And it's going to lose because of Anita Bryant. She's taking credit for it in 11 states. It was all ready to pass in Florida. She said in an article in the *Observer* that all the leaders of the ERA were lesbians — well, I'm one of the leaders of the ERA and I'm not a lesbian. I don't think it matters anymore, but the woman they elected as chief spokesperson is a mother and a housewife . . . maybe she [Anita] has some special pipeline to Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Ford, both spokespeople for the ERA. Maybe she knows something we don't know. Chip Carter has come out against Anita Bryant, and so has the President's sister. I want to know why the President hasn't. I figured it out — simple. The Florida Commission pays Anita Bryant. The Citrus Commission is made up of the orange juice companies — among them Tropicana, Minute Maid. Minute Maid is owned by Coke. Coke is the chief contributor to Carter's campaign . . . both for governor and for President of the U.S. Yet he was the one out courting the so-called gay vote.

The blacks got nowhere until they changed it to civil rights, and I would've thought that gays wouldn't have learned something from Dade County, would start pushing for human rights, not gay republican clubs, not gay democratic clubs, but human republican clubs . . .

T: Anita Bryant waged a very dirty campaign —

R: Not only did she wage a dirty campaign, but it was financed a lot by the church . . . over 50% of the vote was from the Hispanic community. It's not their fault — the Latins have really been sold a bill of goods by the Catholic Church. I was a Catholic once, for five minutes. But if someone can explain to me why it is that the Catholic Church is the richest church in the world and the predominantly Catholic countries are among the poorest . . . I would be a Catholic again. No matter what kind of campaign would have been waged, there was almost no way of winning in Dade County because the Latins were told to go and vote, and they were told which box to X.

T: Then do you believe religion is still relevant?

R: I do not believe in organized religion. I think churches are nothing but big banks. . . . When you have the hierarchy of a church wearing rubies and emeralds and diamonds, in slum areas where there are families with 10 kids who can't take care of those kinds yet they're not taught contraception by the church — [then] something is wrong! I had a debate with some bishops and I said, do you know the difference between the Catholic method [rhythm] and all the other methods of birth control? They said no, and I said, I'll tell you, the others work.

I don't want to impose my way of living on anybody else except for one thing — it's wrong to kill people, it's wrong to cheat people, it's wrong to steal from people, it's wrong to hate people because of philosophy unless you're talking of Nazism . . . that's out to destroy the entire . . . race of people. Those are very simple truths . . . those are the ones they held to be self-evident, but they didn't hold it to be self-evident that the Orange Juice Queen could run around spreading her bigotry. . . .

It's important to me that she be treated as the Earl Butz of the day. She's not worth anything other than standing accountable for the lives of the people she's affected.

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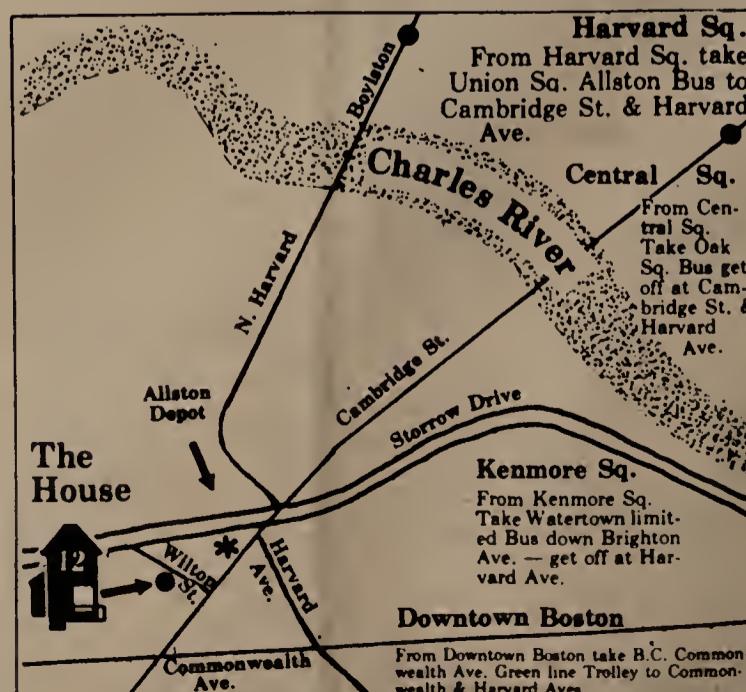
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Transmogrifications: Craig Russell Live

By Harry Seng

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When I first saw Craig Russell two years ago in Provincetown, I was impressed. In fact I was mildly ecstatic: the great ladies have been resurrected; surely the Second Coming is at hand. Recently that same radiance burned through the film industry's tired concept of gay sensibility and gave us a moment of truth in *Outrageous*. There was something missing on film, however. The staccato movements of a Peggy Lee need space to poke at; celluloid is too flat. The swift shifts from one style to another, from age to era, need that curtain to make insistent our belief. A camera does tricks; Russell performs magic.

And there is magic within magic. Russell takes the theme of the double a step further in his show. This past weekend on the stage of the Town and Country Club in Smithfield, I marvelled as one impersonation gave birth to another. I was engulfed in a whirlwind of famous persons — Midler doing Claudine Longet doing Andy Williams.

Russell began the show with his very strong Peggy Lee. Work has been done here in the last few years. There is less caricature, more mastery of manner-

ism and voice. Peggy's weight is thrown around the stage with more assurance. "Fever" sizzles and "Manana" bounces. When Russell-Lee suggests ironically at the end of "Is That All There Is" that we may not be getting our five-dollars worth, the audience scoffs at such a ludicrous thought. We are his now. The women can now spin their web.

And it is just that. Without interruption, with the smoothest transitions, we watch Marlene Dietrich become Doris Day, who spawns Joan Rivers, who begets Marilyn Monroe. Even as Russell is disappearing behind the magic curtain for a change of dress the voice is changing, the new ghost is taking shape; the back-up group is changing the tempo. When Channing or Midler hits the spotlight we are ready for her. There is an immediacy in such rapid transition. There is no time to wonder, "Is that really Shirley Bassey? Sarah Vaughan wasn't quite like that, was she?" There is speed at the heart of this artistry.

And there is psychological subtlety as well. When Russell's Tallulah Bankhead suggests that there is a link between the vulgarity of Totie Fields and the banality of Joyce Kilmer's "Trees" we learn something of the great lady's sensibility — and, hopefully, something about our own. The psyche has been studied as assiduously as the torso. Russell has done his homework.

Closing my eyes several times during the performance, I treated myself to a vision of voices. Suddenly Louis Armstrong was in the room singing a duet with Ella Fitzgerald. Sophie Tucker

rose from the dead and at her right hand I heard Ethel Merman in all her pure shrillness.

There were jokes as well — sophisticated and provincial, salacious and biting. Only those who had seen *Outrageous* could appreciate the full humor of Russell's line: "You're alive and sick and living in Smithfield, Rhode Island like 800 other people." Mae West's retort to a query from the audience,

"How do you keep your youth?"

"I send them a check every week," reached every ear. Russell's Bette Midler parried the question, "Are you stoned?" devoutly: "Stoned? No, I



was Jezebel. Read the book."

It was encouraging to see that Russell's politics are in the right place (which is necessary in a show peopled with stars not particularly political). His Anita Bryant, eroticizing the Bible while chanting the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," brought the crowd to its feet. People cheered at Russell's statement describing *Outrageous*: "It's nice to tell the truth for a change."

If there is religious zeal in my admiration, I caught it from Craig Russell. There is more than liberation here. We would do well to satisfy our sense of ritual and liturgy in the celebration of such profane art.

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people, places and flings

By Francis Toohey

There's absolutely no truth to those rumors this week that yours truly was seen leaving **Emerald City Antiques'** new location at 73 Berkeley Street clutching a *Venus de Milo* with a clock imbedded in its belly. That's Morgan Memorial's idea of chic — what **Emerald City's** offering is a veritable fantasyland selected from the '20s through the '40s. . . . At **Giust Gallery**, 261 Newbury Street, an enormous bust of Michaelangelo's *David* caught my eye. It seems that **Lino Giust**'s one of the last in the line of great plaster casters. (No, Cynthia's not in Mr. Giust's league.) A reduced-size head of the *Apollo Belvedere* can be picked up there for as little as 15 bucks — which is a fair price if you're familiar with the going-rate for some of the less-enduring objets down around the Greyhound. . . . Those trouble-lights **Suki** introduced to Boston are now getting the star treatment in the windows over on the Great Elite Way — **Basies** at 172 Newbury carries them for \$8.19. Just a quarter's-toss from Chaps, **Park's** hardware has them for 20 cents less. . . . So, take your savings and leave it on the bar that started it all and call it even for tips. . . . As long as we're talking money, you'll remember I took the *Rainbow* to task last week for its prices. Well, Boston, it could be worse when you consider this gilded lily — **Flamingo**, New York City's winter home for the Fire Island set, will re-open this season with a \$75 yearly membership and \$3 admission each time a card-carrier knocks on the door. From here, it looks like Boston's one place where the old adage, "less is more," still applies. . . . Our own **dauphin**, **John Addison**'s double-dose club, *New York, New York*, is turning away the gays if the reports from Gotham are to be believed. . . . And we hear another "memorial" for the barely-late **Jimmy Stuard** is in the works at New York's **12 West**. I guess the management there just can't get over Jimmy's passing, and a drastically curtailed business calls for some drastic measures. There's got to be a better way to raise a bit of the old Jimmy Stuard spirit that once made that club a very special experience. . . . Other watering-holes down in the Village are currently putting the ban on Coca-Cola since that firm owns a number of Florida orange juice companies. . . . In our favor lately, I see **Charles Nelson Reilly**'s come-out with an ad in the *Hollywood Reporter* soliciting fellow performers on the coast to help stem the Orange Tide. . . . Thrillseekers may want to stick closer to home this fall and escape into *The Secret Paris of the '30s* now that photographer **Brassai**'s guided tour of the myth's underbelly has arrived in paperback from *Pantheon Books*. . . . The long-anticipated correspondence between **Tennessee Williams** and **William Wyndham** is due next month from *Holt, Rinehart*. . . . A **Mitzel** by any other name Dept. There is just no substantiation for the rumor that having a handle on one's own *Manifest Destiny* catapults one in with the likes of *Shakespeare* or *Voltaire* — or a *Rumplestiltskin* or a *Charo* for that matter. . . . Any feminist-philelists in town might take note of the new set of commemorative stamps from Israel on a *Matriarchs of the Bible* theme. . . . My lesbian friends aren't overly excited with that new *St. Tropez* album, *Je t'aime*, and the Vivationed Sapphic innuendoes on its jacket. It's strictly designed with male fantasies in mind — aligned more closely with boutique-erotique than with gay women. . . . Local show-busybodies are wagging about **Carol Channing**'s hiring of **Craig Russell** to entertain at a private party recently. I hear Craig's really shaping-up now that four new figures have fleshed-out his act. . . . I had a rare experience this week when I helped judge the *Carnival*

Lounge's talent contest finale. Miss Cupcake MC'd; **China Doll** sashayed-away with the trophy. . . . My favorite mammal, **Gypsy Lee Rosenberg**, admits to giving **Herb Alpert**'s old platter *Whipped Cream and Other Delights* a few new turns over at her house. . . . **Claire Francis** of *Liberty Standing* announces that she's hitched-up with **Lee Whiting** to form *Claire Enterprises*, a booking agency for gay performers. Those people interested in such service can call them at 337-7365. . . . **Skip Rosenthal** says that the *Community Club*'s new upstairs lounge is ready and waiting. Featuring white and green decor in the manner of a patio, there's also a piano in the manner of **Louis XIV**. . . . Lounge-wear or powdered wigs, Skip? Boston University's offering a series of courses this fall on

antique house restoration and maintenance. South End pioneers may pick up a few ideas that go beyond exposed brick and asparagus ferns if they're interested. Call 353-3000. . . . The musical, *Chicago* will lose its wind at the Colonial on the 24th, so try to catch it before it leaves town. . . . The *Boston Repertory* season's begun now with *The Reason We Eat*, running through Oct. 16. . . . The perfectly perverse **Edward Gorey** production of *Dracula* will try its pre-Broadway bat-wings at the Wilbur (426-9366) beginning Sept. 23. Tony-winner **Frank Langella** will star as the old vamp himself. . . . **Albee's Zoo Story** and **Beckett's Krapp's Last Tape** are current over at the *Charles Street Meetinghouse* (523-0368) through the 24th of this month. . . . Sack Theatres will present the **Ken Russell** version of *Valentino* sometime soon with **Nureyev** in the sheik's shoes, and the film of *Equus* will arrive, with our self-styled half-brother **Richard Burton** heading the cast. . . . Need I say more?

Boston Council Roundup

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industry (in particular the First National Bank of Boston), the *Real Paper*, WBCN, gay writer Andrew Kopkind, and the Boston Community Schools program.

GERARD McHALE, DESPITE HIS DENIALS, IS ANOTHER ONE OF "the mayor's boys." He is a 28-year-old city employee who lives in Dorchester, and promises, if elected, to crack down on absentee landlords to clean the trash off their properties.

GERALD F. O'LEARY was deposed from the Council in 1975 by John Kerrigan, and he is running this year to regain his seat. For years the only proponent of charter reform on the Council, O'Leary was also one of the body's most reliable White supporters. He made it a point to oppose most licensing ventures sought by Henry Vara and Frank Cashman.

HAROLD O'BRIEN opposes district elections for City Council because he says it would foster parochialism (although it's hard to imagine a body more parochial than one which would consistently ignore the interests of nearly half the city). He does support district elections for school committee, though. He also supports Rep. Barney Frank's bill to force Massport to pay taxes on its properties at Logan Airport and along the waterfront.

DIANE JACOBS is a Jamaica Plain resident and Social-

ist Workers Party member who supports the election of City Council and School Committee members on a combined district and at-large basis (as in the Galvin legislation). She also is one of a handful of candidates who freely admits to supporting school desegregation by busing if necessary, and supports gay rights.

CELIA SNIFFIN

is the director of the Prudential Tenants Association and, as such, is probably the candidate with most expertise on the subject of rent control. She supports election of council members by district, and is refusing to accept any campaign contributions.

ARNETT WATERS

is another one of "the mayor's boys," having served in the Mayor's Office of Human Rights and in Action for Boston Community Development. He says the city should establish a Human Rights Commission with an openly gay member, and would work with the gay community to end harassment by the police department. He has been endorsed by the Ward 5 (Back Bay and Beacon Hill) Democratic Committee.

LAWRENCE BLACKE

is a 27-year-old West Roxbury lawyer who has made a very astute observation: not a single councillor spoke out earlier this year when it was revealed that Councillor John Kerrigan was using his \$300-a-week aide, Claire Caso, to address Christmas cards at her Waltham home. His major issue is charter reform.

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calendar

19 mon

Boston — Bob Wellington's Art Opening at Chaps, 5:30, 10% of proceeds benefit MCC.

Boston — GRAC Bowling at 1260 Boylston St. lanes, 8pm.

Boston — "Inside the Gay Experience" is a rap/discussion course for men and women, introductory meeting at 355 Boylston St., 7:30pm, info call 277-2484.

Cambridge, MA — Gay Youth Program, social get-together for teenagers meets at MIT Walker Memorial, 142 Memorial Drive, rm 306, bring records and cookies.

20 tue

Boston — Gay Health Night at 1270 to benefit Gay Health Collective, 1270 Boylston St.

Boston — Intro meeting of "Meditation for Beginners," 122 Bay State Rd., 7:30pm, info call 277-2484.

Cambridge, MA — DOB women's discussion at 8pm, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave.

21 wed

Boston — BU Gays organizational meeting, George Sherman Union, 771 Comm. Ave. rm 320-321, 7:30pm, new members welcome.



25 sun

Boston — Rep. Elaine Noble speaks at Community Church, Morse Auditorium, 602 Comm. Ave., 11am.

Cambridge, MA — Gay Academic Union holds first meeting of year in Leighton Room of Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard, 4-6pm.

Ashby, MA — First Parish Unitarian Church, with Montachusetts Gay Alliance sponsors panel discussion on "God, Anita and us Faggots," Main St. (Rte. 119), 8pm, Info call 448-5336.

23 fri

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24 sat

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